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## Linda Orr Receives Annual Literacy Award

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Linda Orr, described as "an innovative and dedicated teacher in the Agawam schools since 1973," is this year's recipient of the Pioneer Valley Reading Council Literacy Award.

She began her career in education as a kindergarten teacher at Robinson Park School and in 1985, became a reading teacher there. She has a passion for getting children excited about learning to read.

Mrs. Orr spearheaded a movement in Agawam Schools to implement a Reading Recovery program. She became trained as a Reading Recovery teacher three years ago and has worked tirelessly to put Reading Recovery programs in place in all elementary schools.

According to Robinson Park School Principal William Sapelli, "We expect that eventually, all of our elementary schools will have full-time Reading Recovery teachers."

Mrs. Orr serves as an inspiration for her commitment to continue learning and mentoring. On April 27th, she was presented with the Literacy Award at the Colosseum Banquet House on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

Mary Long, literacy chairwoman of the Pioneer Valley Reading Council, made the presentation. Mrs. Long said, "When I received Linda's nomination, I was really glad. Her dedication to literacy is an asset and the people of Agawam should feel fortunate to have such an involved person working with their children."

President Theresa Marr told us that the organization has been in existence for 36 years. Secretary Cindy Palazzi, who works at Clark School in Agawam, explained that the Pioneer Valley Reading Council is an affiliate of the Massachusetts Reading Association and promotes reading excellence. "I am really glad to see Linda Orr recognized for her efforts," Palazzi said.



**LINDA ORR (right)** receives this year's Literacy Award from Mary Long, literacy chairwoman of the Pioneer Valley Reading Council. The award was presented on April 27th at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. The Pioneer Valley Reading Council has been in existence for the past 36 years. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Local Kids Help Clean Wade Park

Wade Park, located off of Franklin Street, is comprised of 6.2 acres of combined field and wooded areas. The park was named after Benjamin Wade, an Agawam native who would have been President of the United States if President Andrew Johnson had been impeached in the spring of 1868.

Facilities at Wade Park include basketball courts, a pavilion, and playing fields. Over the years, this park has succumbed to vandalism, dumping, and litter — all of which have reduced its aesthetics and viability for public recreation.

To help improve the condition of the park, several local kids participated in a park clean-up on Saturday, April 29th. Others participants included a local resident and DPW and Health Department employees.

Their efforts helped remove over 15-cubic yards of trash and debris from the fields and surrounding woods of Wade Park. Removed materials included over 40 bags of litter, as well as couches,

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## Thanking EMT's And Firefighters...



**QUAIL RUN ESTATES** in Agawam recently held a week-long series of lunches for the town's EMT's and firefighters. This is the first time that Quail Run has honored these life-saving public servants in such a manner. According to Jeanine Penney of Quail Run, "This is our way to thank the EMT's and firefighters for the great job they do." Standing: Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano, Dot Mapes, and Mayor Richard Cohen. Seated: Steven Castelli (EMT), Gertrude Murphy, Mary Barkette, and Brian Keefe (EMT). (See additional photos on Page 10.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Announcement From Lt. Gov. Swift...

## Agawam Awarded \$1.2 Million For Route 159

Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift recently awarded \$1.2 million to the Town of Agawam for reconstruction of Route 159, laying the groundwork for greater access to and from the new Six Flags New England amusement park, a project that will create 500 new jobs and result in millions of dollars in annual investment in the Pioneer Valley.

"The opening of Six Flags New England is another sign that the economy of the Pioneer Valley is hitting its stride," said Swift. "And this grant will allow for safe and efficient travel to and from the park for the increased number of families and visitors that will flock here."

Tourism is the third largest industry in Massachusetts, pumping \$19 billion annually into the economy and employing more than 140,000 people. In Hampden County, tourism is a \$300 million industry annually, and that number is expected to grow enormously with the opening of this park.

The Route 159 project, paid for partly with the \$1.2 million Public Works Economic Development grant, includes an overhaul of the Diamond Interchange at the intersection of Routes 159 and 57, widening and paving of the road, drainage improvements, curbing, utility relocations, and landscaping.

"We have learned time and time again that an investment in roads and bridges is not simply a matter of preventing a bumpy or inconvenient ride, but a real investment in the economy of local communities," said Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Sullivan.

The project is part of the Cellucci-Swift Administration's commitment to spend \$600 million a year in the next five years on the statewide road and bridge program. Over the last five years, the Administration has invested more than \$600 million annually on infrastructure projects across the state. Since 1991, the Administration has repaved 4,500 lane miles or nearly 60 percent of the state's highways and has repaired or reconstructed more than 1,300 bridges.



**PARTICIPANTS IN THE WADE PARK CLEAN-UP** on Saturday, April 29th: local kids Christina, Brianna, Chase, Kyle, Jeremy, Jaleena, Courtney, Katelyn, Justin, Brandon, Ryan, Cody, Olivia, and Charlie; neighbor Alan Iserman; and Town of Agawam employees Terry Hill, Jayne Smith, Randy White, and Andrea Ciak.

### WADE PARK - from Page 1...

bicycles, steel bars, mattresses, and other debris. The clean-up was organized through a cooperative effort between the DPW and the Health Department. BFI donated a 30-yard dumpster to the Town free of charge.

The clean-up lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donuts and juice were provided to the workers during the clean-up, and afterwards all helpers were treated to pizza and soda (courtesy of the Town of Agawam and Domino's Pizza).

The Agawam DPW and the Health Department would like to thank all those who participated in the clean-up. In addition, the kids who participated expressed their hopes that their efforts will discourage additional vandalism and dumping in Wade Park, so they can continue to use it for recreation and fun.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of H.P. Hood, Inc. which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-56 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a milk storage silo in excess of the forty (40') foot height requirement at the premises identified as: 233 Main Street.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson  
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## Letters To The Editor

### Our National Anthem Deserves To Be Performed With Respect

#### To The Editor:

The Korean War — 50 years ago, June 25, 1950. All branches of the military service train their personnel (while stationed on base) that when taps or the national anthem is recognized, to come to a halt, be at attention, face the flag, and (if not visible) face the direction of the music and remain as so until concluded. Then, go on their way (or "as you were"). This reflects honor, respect, and dedication for the United States of America and her flag, "Old Glory," for whom and what she represents.

Recently a bill before Congress making the burning of the American flag unlawful had been defeated. Demonstrators profess it is their right to do as written in the Constitution under "free speech." Ergo, this behavior continues with saddened hearts for most of the citizens of the USA.

At many public functions involving Canadians, their national anthem, "Oh, Canada," is chanted with vigorous and complete participation. Our national anthem has crotch-grabbers, spitters, talking, laughing, and little partaking. This deportment must cease. We must get united as the name of our country implies.

We trained together, we laughed together, and we fought together. Alas, many died together, and many have missing arms or legs (or both), partial or full blindness, tormenting or incurable physical and/or mental afflictions, broken minds and bodies, broken families, and many hardships too numerous to mention — but there are no broken spirits.

Veterans and their relatives, survivors of the fallen heroes, and all Americans through the USA, are and have been *deprived of the right to sing their national anthem* at ceremonies commemorating their relative *who gave their all*. Even at a public function, we at times have to listen to someone (verbally or instrumentally, obligato or a capella) commit larceny.

I have polled many, many veterans as to their feeling about what I abhor and execrate, and again we are united. One veteran said, "I'll bet there is *not one G.I.* among them." This is despicable. Since I sense no relative connection to their rendition and the recommended "service version" of the anthem by the American Legion, perhaps sitting it out until it is over is the simplest solution. For those who want to do their thing, might I suggest an "opera house" or the middle of Sherwood Forest? May God have mercy on us all if they go from "rock to rap."

"Old Glory" is a beauty. Although silent, her presence speaks loudly to all those who truly love her. Display the flag, *but not in disgrace*. It is better not to fly her, than to dishonor her. Our servicepeople did not sacrifice so much for you to show so little for the job they did so well, and the price they paid so dearly. Uncommon valor was a common virtue.

**GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!**  
Raymond J.G. Rose, Sr.  
(former resident of Agawam)  
Korean War Veteran  
Indian Orchard, MA

### Edie Chiba Deserves Thanks For Improving Agawam's Air

#### To The Editor:

Many kudos for Edie Chiba in her pursuit of clean air. She has put in many hours working with town officials in her quest for a non-smoking ordinance.

It is important that people know about the poisonous elements that are in tobacco (such as cyanide, methanol, formaldehyde, ammonia, tar, and nicotine), as well as poisonous gases (such as nitrogen, carbon monoxide, etc.).

It is very difficult to comprehend why some people continue to poison their own bodies.

We know of many restaurant workers who are delighted to come home from work without the stench of cigarette smoke on their clothes and in their hair, and happy about the reduction in their dry cleaning bills.

Restaurants are finding many of their old-time customers returning, and business is not actually suffering.

Pajer's is planning a new restaurant in Agawam. We are sure that if they thought they were going to lose money, they would not consider such a move.

We have also heard that Partners Restaurant on Springfield Street is planning to enlarge their kitchen. Would they do this if they were losing business?

Maria's Kitchen on Silver Street has just been sold to new owners. Would anyone buy a losing business?

The above are facts, not just rumor, gossip, or idle talk.

Thanks, Edie, for making Agawam a better place to breathe.

Chet Commins  
Joyce B. Bickford  
Maria Falbo  
Annette Dixon  
(Table No. 9, Senior Center)

### Louis Russo Deserves Credit For Pyncheon Point Plans

#### To The Editor:

I recently read where Counselor Kent Servis and others are trying to reopen Pyncheon Point Park and construct a dock. While I applaud what Mr. Servis wants to do, I feel the credit for what he wants to do should be given to the proper person.

Louis Russo has spent many, many years working on getting Pyncheon Point reopened and a fishing pier and dock for Agawam's handicapped and elderly built. There have been too many times when certain councilors have taken credit for ideas that did not originate with them. This is such a shame.

I remember Mr. Russo speaking before the council, urging that Pyncheon Point be reopened. He has also proposed to the council the construction of a handicap and elderly fishing pier. In fact, if I remember correctly, Debbie Dachos and Mayor Johnson endorsed Louis's proposals. Furthermore, up to now, Mr. Russo is the only person in Agawam that has brought forth these ideas.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that Mr. Russo has made Pyncheon Point and a pier or dock part of his campaign whenever he has run for office. Maybe some day, the voters of Agawam will be wise enough to return him to the City Council.

Sincerely,  
Art Book  
Agawam

## West Side & Agawam Letter Carriers To Hold May 13th Food Collection

On May 13th, local Letter Carriers from NALC Branch 1978 (West Springfield) and Branch 46 (Agawam) will join with their colleagues across the nation to collect food donations left by their customers' mailboxes.

The Parish Cupboard will coordinate the sorting for future distribution. Sorting will take place at the Boys and Girls Club, 615 Main Street in West Springfield. Volunteers will be needed from 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.

This is the largest single annual food drive for the Parish Cupboard. In years past, neighbors have donated so generously that the Cupboard

has filled its building and had to store the overflow in a semi-trailer donated by Kelly Trailer & Container.

The Parish Cupboard provides almost 1,000 individuals each month with emergency groceries and meals. This food drive will be instrumental in helping alleviate the extra need created by children out of school for the summer.

Please give generously and have your donation by you mailbox before your letter carrier arrives. In case of rain, remember to protect your food with extra plastic bags tied tight. Volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club are most welcome.

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## Pending Legislation To Increase Penalties For Animal Abuse

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) recently held an informational meeting at the Western New England Animal Center focusing on pending legislation to increase penalties for animal abuse.

The meeting was attended by elected federal, state, and local officials, as well as MSPCA staff and supporters.

The MSPCA Legislative Affairs Subcommittee, a volunteer group chaired by Linda Skole, is actively working to support Massachusetts House Bill 947, entitled, "An Act Relative to the Penalties for Killing, Maiming, or Poisoning of an Animal."

"The MSPCA believes that the penalties for animal abuse under the current law are insufficient, and House Bill 947 would increase the penalties for the worst types of animal abuse," Skole said. "Other states have instituted tougher penalties, and Massachusetts needs to join them in strengthening the laws against animal cruelty."

"We understand the serious crimes against people that are flooding the courts, and crimes against animals may seem less important. However, incidents of cruelty to animals are not isolated incidents; they are related to other forms of criminal behavior," added Joan Dempsey, the MSPCA's Director of Advocacy.

In 1997, the MSPCA, in conjunction with Northeastern University, conducted a study that indicates a strong link between animal abuse and other types of violent behavior. In fact, 70 percent of those who have been convicted of abusing animals have also been convicted of violent or anti-social crimes against people. The current statutes, in most cases, allow a maximum punishment of one year or \$1,000. This bill would raise the maximum punishment to five years and \$5,000.

At present, very few people are ever convicted of crimes against animals. "A strong show of support for House Bill 947 will send a clear message to our representatives and courts that Massachusetts citizens take animal cruelty seriously and want to get convicted animal abusers off the streets," said Dempsey.

She urges all concerned citizens to call and/or write their local and state representatives to help reduce crime by stopping animal abuse.

If you have any questions regarding this bill or need additional information, please call Linda Skole, MSPCA Chairperson of the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee, at (413) 786-0257; or Joan Dempsey, MSPCA Director of Advocacy, at (617) 541-5101.



AT THE WESTERN NEW ENGLAND ANIMAL CENTER (from left to right): Mary Genewin-Caplin, a representative from Governor Cellucci's office; State Representative Cheryl Rivera; State Representative Mary Rogeness; State Representative Cele Hahn; and Linda Skole, chairperson of the MSPCA's Legislative Affairs Subcommittee.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Agawam Police Department will hold a public hearing on May 19, 2000 at 7:00 pm in the Faolin Pierce Community Room of the Agawam Police Department Headquarters located at 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the use of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

By Order of Robert Campbell, Chief of Police  
Agawam Police Department  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Alfred Pajer for the proposed zone change. The proposal is to rezone approximately 8.5 acres of land at the corner of Suffield and Cooper Streets from Business A and Residence A-2 to all Business A.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council  
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## Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St.  
Monday, May 15th — 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/1/2000.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances.

### (a) Resolutions

1. TR-2000-20- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of John J. Chriscola, Jr., 41 Channel Dr., Aga., MA to the Liquor Licensing Commission for a Term Expiring the First Monday in June of the Year 2005 (Mayor).
2. TR-2000-21- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Christopher N. Sanchez, 16 Day St., Aga., MA to the Veterans' Council for a Term Expiring April 1, 2002 (Mayor).
3. TR-2000-22- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Jay O'Sullivan, B1 Elizabeth Manor, Aga., MA to the Veterans' Council for a Term Expiring April 1, 2002 (Mayor).
4. TR-2000-23- A Resolution Authorizing the Discontinuance of a Portion of Agawam Shopping Court (Mayor).
5. TR-2000-24- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Convey a 6,269 Sq. Ft. Parcel of Land, Being the Discontinued Portion of Agawam Shopping Court, to Franklin Realty Company or its Nominee (Mayor).
6. TR-2000-25- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Permanent Easement Over the 6,269 Sq. Ft. Discontinued Parcel of Land, Being a Portion of Agawam Shopping Court (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees.  
None.
8. Elections.  
None.
9. Public Hearings.  
(a)  
1. PH-2000-6-(ZC-2000-1)-Petition of Pajers Realty for land located at Corner of Suffield St. & Cooper St. from Business A & Residence A-2 to all Business A (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business.  
(a)  
1. TOR-2000-4-An Ordinance to Establish a Special Police Force in the Town of Agawam (Coun. Rossi)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 4/18/2000)(Tabled on 5/1/2000)(1st Reading).
2. TOR-2000-5-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Morassi, Letellier, Rossi, Bonavita, Perry, Servis, Mineo, Young)(Tabled on 5/1/2000)(1st Reading).
3. TOR-2000-6-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Servis, Mineo, Perry)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 4/18/2000)(Tabled on 5/1/2000)(1st Reading).
4. TO-2000-40-Application for License for five (5) automatic amusement devices for Fun Farms LLC d/b/a The Sand Trap, 1399 Suffield St., Aga., MA.

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## Veterans' Corner...

# Rules On How To Properly Fly The U.S. Flag

by Edward Kellogg

Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and being the patriotic people we are, there will be a large display of our American flag throughout our community.

So, in keeping with this thought, I decided to review the 10 rules on how to properly fly the flag:

1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
  2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
  3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
  4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to east in a north/south street.
  5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities, or pennants of societies, are grouped and displayed from staffs.
  6. The flag should never be fastened, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
  7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff.
  8. Never fly the flag upside-down, except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life and property.
  9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather, except when using an all-weather flag.
  10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.
- The above information came from the brochure printed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- For more information regarding flag history, the Federal Flag Code, and how to properly display the U.S. flag, please refer to the VFW Website, [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

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KIE, BRUCE L.  
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## Hazardous Waste Collection Day On June 17th In Agawam

The Town of Agawam will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

It will take place at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of Agawam residency is required, and no commercial businesses will be allowed.

This waste collection is *by appointment only*. For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquids or 20 pounds solid.

### WHAT DO I BRING?

**From the house:** rubber cement; photo chemicals; furniture polish; oven cleaner; drain/toilet cleaners; rug/upholstery cleaner.

**From the garage:** gasoline/kerosene; antifreeze; engine de-greaser; car wax/polish; driveway sealers; roofing tar.

**From the workplace:** oil/latex paints; stains/varnishes; wood preservative; paint stripper/thinner; aerosol cans; adhesives.

**From the yard:** insecticides/fungicides; chemical fertilizers; weed killers; flea control products; no-pest strips; pool chemicals; propane cylinders.

### WHAT NOT TO BRING!!!

• Empty containers. (DO NOT BRING EMPTY PAINT CANS; dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)

- Commercially generated wastes.
- Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.
- Biological wastes.
- Explosives/ammunition.
- Prescription medicine/syringes.

**Motor oil can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

**Home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.**

Once again, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207, to make your appointment for the Town of Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th.

## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Charles M. Turnbull

Charles M. Turnbull of 104 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, and a long-time Springfield resident, died on April 30th at a local nursing home.

He worked at the former W.J. Foss Co. of West Springfield for 23 years and retired as treasurer. He worked previously at Albert Steiger Co. for two years, at Swift & Co. for 12 years, became the paymaster at Savage Arms Corp. in 1942, and was the office and credit manager for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. of 16 years.

Born and educated in Glasgow, Scotland, he came to this country at the age of 12.

He settled first in Portland, Maine, and moved to Springfield in 1927. He attended the High School of Commerce and graduated from the former Bay Path Institute.

He was president of the Greater Springfield Council of Churches, the Greater Springfield Council of Church Men, and the Western Massachusetts Credit Association.

He belonged to the West Springfield Rotary Club, the former Hope Church, Emmanuel Church, Old First Church in Court Square, and most recently South Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Evelyn "Bee" Walker; three nephews; and a niece.

A memorial service will be held on May 16th at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with burial in the Hillcrest Park Mausoleum. There are no calling hours.

She was predeceased by her husband, Walter B. Barry, and a son, Jack.

She leaves two sons, Dale of Enfield, Connecticut, and Kent of Rochester, Michigan; two daughters, Kathleen Hendrickson of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, and Lynn Johnson of Enfield; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, both in Suffield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401, or Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910.

### Lillian D. Rivest

Lillian D. (Dumond) Rivest, 94, formerly of 45 McKinley Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a bookkeeper at Hartford Dispatch for 20 years.

Born in Agawam, she spent all of her life in the Feeding Hills section and was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her husband, Leo T. Rivest, died in 1976.

She leaves a son, Donald A. of Agawam, and a granddaughter, Ceciley Rivest of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

### August Cicilio

August Cicilio, 87, of 333 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, and formerly of 48 College View, South Hadley, died recently in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He worked at Merion Co. in Springfield and retired in 1987.

Born in Ansonia, Connecticut, he had been a Merchant Marine.

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### Mary Barry

Mary (Arvin) Barry, 82, of Agawam, died recently at a local convalescent home.

She was a school secretary at the Cutler Elementary School in Hamilton and retired in 1968.

Born in Detroit, she was a long-time Suffield, Connecticut resident and moved to Agawam in 1997.

She was a member of Second Baptist Church in Suffield, where she was a former deaconess and missions committeewoman.

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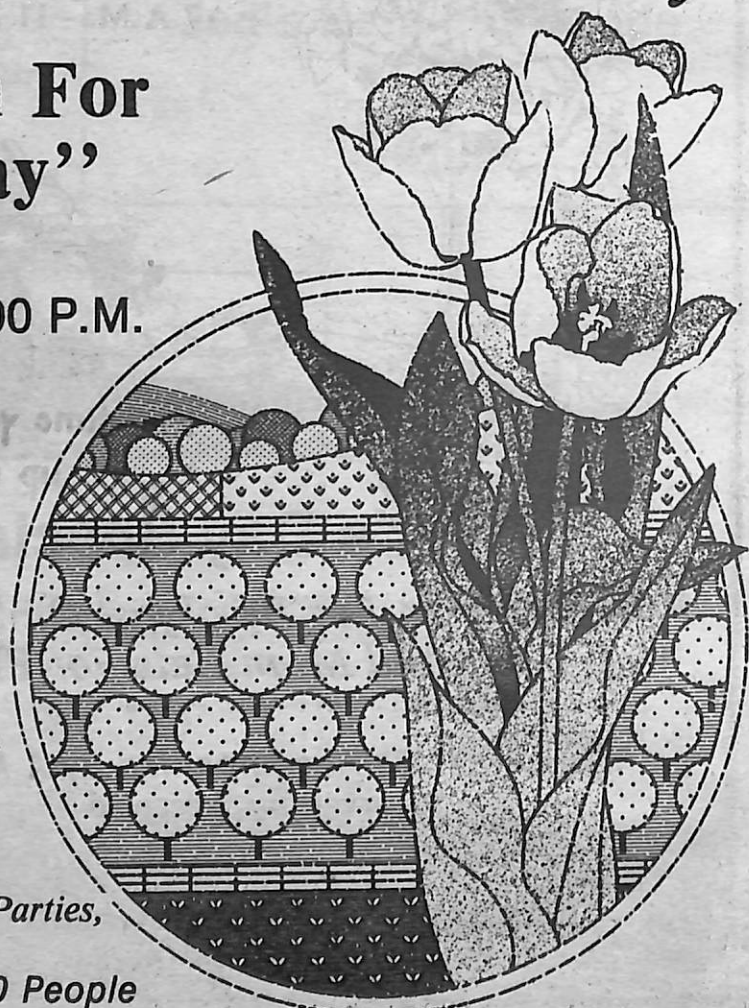
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His wife, the former Marion Merena, died in 1994.

He leaves three brothers, Peter, Paul, and Timothy, all of Ansonia.

Burial was at the convenience of the family, and Czelusniak Funeral Home of Holyoke was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Holyoke College Music Cordia Department, 25 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075.

**John F. Bartnik**

John F. Bartnik, 58, of 100 Pheasants Crossing, West Springfield, died on Sunday, May 7th, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

He was an Agawam town councilor in the 1980's. He represented Precinct 3 and also served on the Liquor License Commission.

He worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford for 35 years, and was the sales director for International Aero Engines for Asia. He managed the Beijing, China office.

Born in Holyoke and raised in Chicopee, he graduated from Chicopee High School and was a long-time resident of Agawam before moving to West Springfield three years ago. He summered at Spofford Lake in New Hampshire.

He was a communicant and usher at St. Thomas Church for many years and belonged to the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge.

He leaves his wife, the former Hilda T. Lemoine; two sons, David J. of Seattle and Jamey M. of Hadley; a daughter, Lisa J. Whitehead of Agawam; his parents, Walter and Eleanore (Waldolny) Bartnik, and a sister, Susan Bartnik, all of Chicopee; and two grandsons.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, May 12th, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in the parish cemetery. Calling hours were scheduled for Thursday evening, May 11th.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Research Room, in care of the Development Office, 100 Charles River Plaza, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114.

On Wednesday, May 17th...

## Candlelight Vigil To Be Held In Honor Of Ashley Ann Turniak

A candlelight vigil will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:30 p.m. on the green at Pheasant Hill Village in honor of Ashley Ann Turniak.

Come join us to light a candle and say a few words to honor the memory of this friendly, caring young lady on her 18th birthday. According to Ashley's mom, Annette Turniak, "We want to let her spirit, and the community, know that she will never be forgotten."

We will meet, rain or shine, at Ashley's Tree. Candles will be supplied (first come, first serve), or bring your own with a drip cup.

Ashley would have been getting ready to graduate as a member of the class of 2000 at Agawam High School.

On Saturday, May 20th...

## Veterans' Graves To Be Flagged In Agawam For Memorial Day

The Agawam Veterans' Council has scheduled Saturday, May 20th, as the date to replace flags in all Agawam cemeteries in time for the town's Memorial Day observance. The rain date will be May 27th.

Once again, the council plans to invite area Boy and Girl Scouts to help, and all residents interested in helping out are invited to join us.

The group will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Following the flagging of those graves, they will proceed to the South Westfield Street Cemetery (this is a different chain of events as opposed to years past). At this point, they will proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery on Main Street to finish the project.

Please call Veterans' Services at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236, if you plan to help or be at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. As always, the council appreciates your efforts in paying tribute to our veterans.

## Agawam Fire Dept. To Observe Nat'l EMS Week

National Emergency Medical Services Week, a celebration to honor approximately 750,000 EMS providers nationwide who deliver life-saving emergency care, is scheduled for May 14-20, 2000.

This year's EMS Week theme, *EMS: New Century, New Hope*, speaks to the difference EMS providers have made in our communities in the last century, and the countless ways they will continue to ensure our health, protection and physical well-being in the next century.

"This job is different from any other job you can have," said David Spafford, a paramedic with the Agawam Fire Department. "You are under tremendous pressure; you have to react quickly; you have to make flawless decisions. A lot of people don't have a clue as to what EMS providers do and how far their services reach into the community."

To help commemorate National Emergency Medical Services Week on a local level, the Agawam Fire Department will be hosting the following events:

**May 16th:** At 7:00 p.m., a show-and-tell for Boy Scout Troop No. 78.

**May 18th:** At 1:00 p.m., a blood pressure clinic at the Agawam Senior Center.

**May 20th:** From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., come see Agawam Fire Rescue 1 with the Agawam Police Department displaying life-saving equipment. Speak with EMT's and paramedics from your community.

Please be aware that the parking at the Agawam Public Library is limited. Alternative parking is available at the Agawam High School. For further information, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

National EMS Week honors the life-saving care EMS providers offer nationwide, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"This year's theme is all about optimism and faith in the future. It's an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the past, and build on them for a safer tomorrow," stated Spafford.

In addition, National EMS Week is an opportunity for the public to learn about injury prevention, safety awareness, and emergency preparedness.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

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We think of you in silence.  
We often speak your name,  
Now all we have is memories  
And your picture in a frame.

Beside your grave we sometimes stand  
And try to understand  
The tears in our eyes we wipe away  
But the pain in our hearts is here to stay

For those of you who have a Mother,  
Love her every day  
Never cause her heart to break,  
And bless her when you pray.  
Fill all her days with sunshine,  
Show her that you care,  
For you will never know what you've lost,  
Until you call and she's not there.

We miss you so much, Ma. Life is not the same without you.  
Love, Edward, Eddie, Shelley, Doug, and your grandson, Michael

A Mass will be offered for Stella on her birthday  
(Mother's Day) — Sunday, May 14, 2000 —  
At 11:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills

It's been two years since we lost our mom to colorectal cancer — a disease we now know could have been prevented. We urge everyone 40-plus years to get a colon cancer screening as early as possible. "Screening is looking at those who have NO symptoms." Get screened NOW — it could save your life.

For more info on cancer — its symptoms and prevention — call 1-800-4-CANCER.



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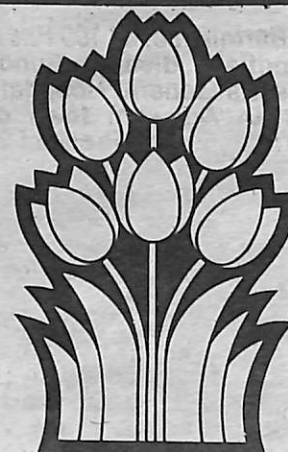
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<b>Woodbridge</b> (1.5 Ltr.) <i>Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay</i> <b>\$11.99</b> <i>White Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc</i> <b>\$8.99</b>	<b>Alisa * From Italy *</b> <i>Pinot Grigio Doc</i> (1997 - 1.5 Ltr.) - <b>\$7.99</b> <i>Pinot Grigio Doc</i> (1997 - 750 ml.) - <b>\$4.99</b> <i>Merlot</i> (1997 - 1.5 Ltr.) - <b>\$7.99</b> <i>Merlot</i> (1997 - 750 ml.) - <b>\$4.99</b> <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> (1996 - 1.5 Ltr.) - <b>\$7.99</b> <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> (1997 - 750 ml.) - <b>\$4.99</b>	<b>Bacardi Breezers</b> (4-Pk. Bottles - All Flavors) <i>Calypso Berry, Caribbean Key Lime, Tropical Fruit Medley, Island Peach, Blue Paradise, Watermelon, Bahama Mama, Caribbean Classic Pina Colada, Caribbean Classic Strawberry Daiquiri, Purple People Eater, Sax On The Beach, Appleicious, Fuzzier Navel</i> <b>\$2.99</b>
<b>Delicato</b> (1.5 Ltr.) <i>* From California *</i> <i>Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay</i> <b>\$8.99</b>		<b>Jed's Hard Lemonade</b> (6-Pk. Bottles Or Cans) <b>\$4.99</b>  <b>Jed's Hard Lemonade</b> <i>* Pink *</i> (6-Pk. Bottles) <b>\$4.99</b>

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<b>Canadian Mist</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$12.99</b>	<b>Cutty Sark Scotch</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$22.99</b>	<b>Finlandia Vodka</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$21.99</b>	<b>Seagram's Lime Gin &amp; Grapefruit Gin</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$13.99</b>

### MAY BEER SPECIALS

<b>Bud Dry</b> (30-Pk. Cans) <b>\$12.99</b>	<b>Coors X-Gold</b> (30-Pk. Cans) <b>\$11.99</b>	<b>Miller Lite</b> (30-Pk. Cans) <b>\$16.99</b>	<b>Amstel</b> Case — (Bottles Or Cans) <b>\$19.99</b>	<b>Dos Equis</b> <i>* From Mexico *</i> (12-Pk. Bottles) <i>Amber &amp; Special Lager</i> <b>\$9.99</b>
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## Quail Run Says "Thanks"...



THE TOWN OF AGAWAM'S EMT's and firefighters appreciate the week-long series of lunches that were held in their honor at Quail Run Estates. **STANDING:** Jeanine Penney of Quail Run. **SEATED:** Tom Mapes, Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano, and Mayor Richard Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Sister City Comm. Launches Yearbook Campaign

Agawam's Sister City Commissioners are in the process of contacting local businesses and patrons for the purpose of raising funds to host a delegation from our sister city, Reggio Calabria, in October.

The "Jubilee 2000" Yearbook will reflect the story of Agawam and feature local businesses in the hopes that we will be able to provide a program in October that we can all be proud of for our guests.

Chairman F. William Euliano, Jr. said that if you look at this project as a cure-all for your advertising program, you'll be disappointed; but, if you view it as a "feel good" project that takes pride in your community and reflects on your sense of family, education, and spirit, you'll embrace what we are trying to accomplish with enthusiasm.

For further details, please call 786-0441.

### PATRONS' LISTINGS

Patrons' listings (for \$50) are currently available for the Sister City Commission's "Jubilee 2000" Yearbook.

To be listed in the Yearbook as an individual, please make checks payable to "Agawam Sister City Commission," c/o Sylvia Deliso, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001, or visit us on Cable Access Channel 15 for details.

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### FireWise...

## Move Your 'Can' - Your Can Of Gasoline, That Is!

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Flammable liquids, like gasoline and kerosene, are serious hazards that we keep around our homes. However, if they are stored and used properly and safely, accidents can be avoided.

Most people do not realize that a gallon of gasoline can be as dangerous as 14 sticks of dynamite. When ignited, these flammable liquids (with their invisible vapors) don't burn, but explode! The most likely victims are men and boys between the ages of nine and 35.

The more typical accidents involving flammable liquids happen when:

- Gasoline is used to clean something.

- During the refueling of small engines/motors while they are still hot, or while smoking.

- Applying lighter fluid on a charcoal fire that has already started to burn.

The following guidelines should be used when handling or storing flammable liquids:

- Store in "safety cans" or containers that have been approved for the storage of flammables by Factory Mutual (FM) or Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- Store outside the home, away from areas where there are pilot lights or other sources of ignition.

- Use solvents designed for cleaning, always following the manufacturer's recommendations for proper use.

- When refueling any engine, turn it off, allow to cool, and extinguish all smoking materials.

Any flammable liquid should be treated with respect in order to prevent accidents. If you have them stored in your home, move your "can" ... for the safety of your family.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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## On Mother's Day — Sunday, May 14th

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## Families

*Proclamation From Mayor Cohen...*

### Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive Held This Month

Mayor Richard Cohen recently presented a proclamation to Dennis A. Marchetto, Mental Health Chairman for the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National, in honor of the Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive.

Each May, Agawam UNICO holds this drive to raise funds for its Mental Health Fund. This year's drive was scheduled for the first two weekends in May (May 5th/6th and May 12th/13th). Many charitable organizations and people who are physically and mentally disabled will benefit from this drive.

Each year, money from the Fund goes to Easter Seals and Kamp for Kids. A Special Educational Grant is also given each year from this Fund. This year, UNICO has also given donations to the Epilepsy Foundation for Michael Pietroniro, and the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation.

### Coverlet Sale By Agawam Lioness Club

Racking your brains trying to figure out what to give the graduate, Mother, or sister or brother?

The Agawam Lioness Club's coverlets are beautiful mementos of our town, featuring all the significant "landmarks" in either blue or cranberry.

Give a thoughtful gift to that graduate to bring to college.

Call Pat Lalancette at 786-1782.

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DENNIS MARCHETTO (right), Mental Health Chairman for the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National, receives a proclamation from Mayor Richard Cohen regarding the Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive. The drive is held each May to raise money for UNICO's Mental Health Fund. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

### Agawam Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale Set For May 13th

The Annual Plant Sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held on Saturday, May 13th on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main St. in Agawam. The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, rain or shine.

Available for sale will be annuals, geraniums, perennials, vegetables, herbs, wild flowers, ground cover, and some small trees and shrubs. In addition, there will be a limited number of hang-

ing flower pots and cemetery logs for sale.

Also, there will be a Treasure Table featuring small garden tools, decorative pots and baskets, and garden-related literature for sale.

There will be a bake sale table, featuring goodies made by Garden Club members. Profit from the Plant Sale will be added to our Scholarship Fund.

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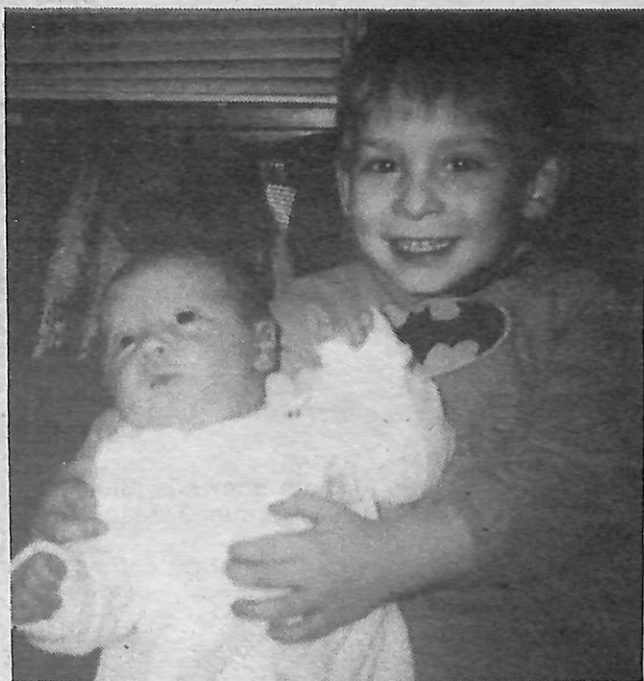
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RYAN R. & TIMOTHY J. SHEEHAN, JR.

## Timothy J. Sheehan, Jr. Announces Birth Of Brother, Ryan Ray

Timothy J. Sheehan, Jr. is proud to announce the birth of his new brother, Ryan Ray. Ryan was born February 11th, weighed six pounds, eight ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

The proud parents are Timothy & Patricia Sheehan of Chicopee.

The grandparents are Thomas & Linda Sheehan of Feeding Hills, and Helen Ash and the late S. Ray Rash of Chicopee.

The great grandmother is Barbara Tortoriello of Feeding Hills.

## Pioneer Valley Unit Of WAVES Nat'l To Meet On May 20th

Pioneer Valley Unit No. 81, WAVES National, will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20th, at American Legion Post No. 207, 82 Park Avenue (on the green), West Springfield.

A check for \$6.50 should be sent to Carolyn Prunier, 46 Grove Street, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-4796, by May 15th for an American chop suey/chicken luncheon. Dessert will be a specially decorated cake in honor of Armed Services Day. New officers will be installed by Andrea Cadieux, past president.

All women who served or are serving in the sea services (Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, or Navy nurses) are invited to attend. For further information, call Jean Bates, (413) 736-3451, or Doris Mansur, (413) 739-0348.

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# Only One More Week Until WestFest Makes Its Return To Stanley Park

WestFest is a community arts festival, which celebrates its 19th anniversary on May 20th and 21st. The event is held each spring at Stanley Park in Westfield. It will be held in the rose garden and pavilion areas of the park.

The park is a lovely site noted for its many acres of gardens, nature preserve, and recreational facilities. Visitors to WestFest are advised to allow plenty of extra time to explore this beautifully maintained treasure. The festival attracts as many as 20,000 patrons each year from throughout the region.

WestFest is a non-profit cultural program originally developed by the Westfield Arts Council. Funding is provided in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as support from community groups, businesses, and individuals. The event is planned and executed by an unpaid volunteer staff, with the aid of numerous volunteers from the greater Westfield area. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily; admission is FREE.

The visual arts are represented at WestFest by a juried Arts & Crafts show, with approximately 100 artisans from throughout New England and beyond. To encourage excellence in the visual arts, WestFest sponsors a Juried Visual Arts Award Show, which features \$3,650 in prizes awarded in fine arts, original crafts, and photography categories. Prizes for this show, as well as arts scholarships and High School Art Show awards, are presented during a traditional 11:00 a.m. Sunday awards ceremony.

A variety of art demonstrations are scheduled throughout the weekend to give the public an opportunity to see artists and craftsmen at work and talk to them about the creative process. Planned demonstrations include a wood-carving demonstration by award-winning wood carver Robert Anderson; a pastel painting technique demonstration by artist Robert Collier; a printmaking demonstration by local printmaker, painter, and muralist Pat Conant; and basketmaker Wendy G. Jensen, who will also participate in the demonstrations (she has been a professional basketmaker since 1976).

The joy of performance comes to life in our performing arts area, where everything from the blues to Indian dance has been showcased. Featured artists have included a wide variety of styles, from contemporary country and folk to

classical and jazz.

Featured artists this year will include mime Gary Krinsky; Tamboura, who will entertain with new world music; and WestFest favorite, folk artist Annie Wenz. On both days, visitors will be entertained by the Airborne Jugglers and A'Soulin showcasing madrigal selections.

Roving performers such as jugglers and minstrels can be found giving impromptu performances as they stroll around the grounds. As always, there are performances scheduled especially for our young audience. Scheduled Sunday appearances by the Westfield High School Drama Ensemble (which will perform scenes from "Grease") and the Westfield Jazz Band will showcase our local "rising stars."

A relatively recent addition to the WestFest cultural family is the Youth Art Show. Young artists in grades four through eight from cities and towns throughout the area are invited to submit their best work to be displayed in the show, and each is a "winner" receiving a special prize ribbon.

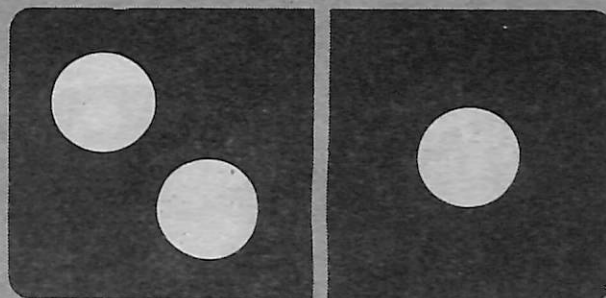
In addition, there is a separate juried show for high school students, where these young artists have an opportunity to participate in a juried exhibition process, competing for cash awards totaling \$720 to reward their excellence in the visual arts.

Arts activities for the children will be available throughout the weekend in the Youth Art area. Our theme for this year's youth art activities will be "The Year of the Dragon." Hands-on activities will include a folded paper dragon and ongoing face painting.

The year 2000 marks the 10th year for the innovative WestFest Arts Scholarship program. A total of \$3,500 will be awarded this year to talented young people in Hampden County. The children who are in grades nine through college may use the funds toward tuition, extracurricular enrichment programs and instruction, or as reimbursement for equipment and supplies. Eligible categories include music, dance, theater, visual arts, and writing. We are very excited by this program and feel that it is a valuable investment in our cultural future.

Festivalgoers spending the day at WestFest will find a variety of foods to suit every taste. B'Shara's will provide food and drinks. WestFest is held rain or shine, is handicap-accessible, and has plenty of free parking on the grounds.

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**Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...**

**Question:** How do I choose a hair color that will look good on me?

**Answer:** First you must choose the type of color that you want to use. Last week, I explained that there are three types of hair color: a semi-permanent that will give you the same color as your natural color or darker lasting four to six shampoos; a demi-permanent also will give you the same level of color or darker than your natural shade, but lasting 25 to 30 shampoos; and the last is a permanent type of color that allows you to go up to four levels lighter than your natural color or any shade darker (your hair will grow out, leaving only new growth that will need to be touched up in four to five weeks).

To choose a shade, consider your natural hair color and your skin tone. Fair-skinned persons with some pink undertones look very well in blonde shades. Individuals with olive or dark skin can tend to look a little green in blonde tones, so I suggest brunette or red. There are numerous shades in these tone ranges, and they can be striking on fair-skinned individuals.

If your skin tends to be red, an ash shade will help to "cool" it off. Auburn is very popular and can be beautiful if you do not have red tones in your skin. A common mistake is to choose an auburn color only to find that it makes you look older. I suggest going more for red shades. A

blonde can look fabulous with red as it will warm up the skin, but if you are a natural brunette, then you should opt for darker reds.

All shades of color, whether it be platinum or golden blonde, red, copper, amber, or brunette, can be options for highlights. Our foil expert, Jennifer, says that it is easier to keep up than all-over color because highlights can be touched up every three months as opposed to once a month for all-over color.

This is a great option for the busy person who has trouble finding time for regular salon visits. Jennifer also suggests a shampoo with color pigments to keep your color refreshed between touch-ups. If you are just starting to go gray and really do not want all-over permanent color, then highlighting is the best way to cover the gray and avoid harsh roots.

Jennifer, Carol, and I agree that hair color can be what makes a great cut fabulous! Here in our salon, we use The Color by John Paul Mitchell Systems. We chose this system because of the low ammonia content. A high ammonia color is extremely alkaline and may cause irreparable damage to the hair shaft.

One of the most vital ingredients is hydrogen peroxide, which is the combination of water and oxygen, and is the most misunderstood ingredient. Hydrogen peroxide (also referred to as a developer) is the energy that activates all permanent haircolor.

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## Upcoming Events From The Westfield Riding Club

### HORSE SHOWS

The Southampton Trail Blazers 4-H Club will hold its Open Horse Show on May 21st at 8:30 a.m. at the Westfield Riding Club grounds, 29 Fowler Road.

The annual Westfield Riding Club Open Horse Show will be held at the club grounds on Sunday, June 4th. Grounds open at 7:00 a.m., with the show starting at 8:30 a.m. Food will be available.

Contact person for both shows is Alicia at the following E-mail address: Ermine373@aol.com.

### CAMPOUT/TRAIL RIDE

The WRC will hold an overnight campout and trail ride at Knightsville Dam's Indian Hollow Group Campground on May 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. Cost is \$5 per person, per night (or \$5 per day, if you are only riding for the day; this covers the use of the grounds).

This is a members' only event, but new members are welcome. Cost is \$15 for individual membership; \$25 for family.

For information, call Liz at (413) 848-2272 or Carol at (413) 667-8760.

## Agawam Junior Women's Club Cancels Craft Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club regrets that, because of not having enough crafters, they have to cancel the Craft Fair on June 3rd.

The Junior Women have held the craft fair for 25 years as a fundraiser for scholarships for Agawam High School students.

The Junior women wish to thank all that have supported our craft fair in the past. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the Junior Women's Club for our scholarship fund may do so at P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

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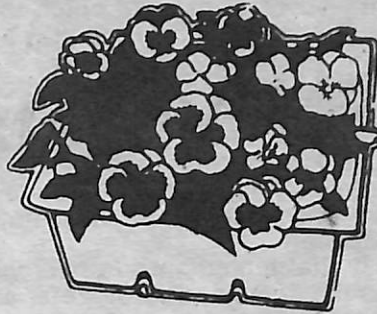
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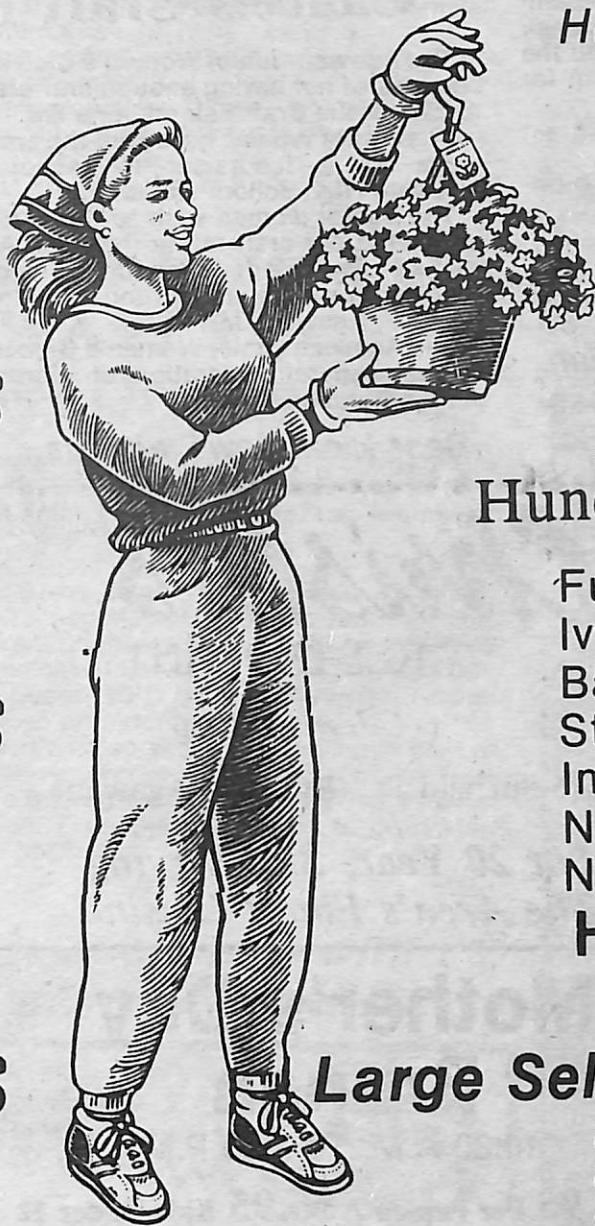
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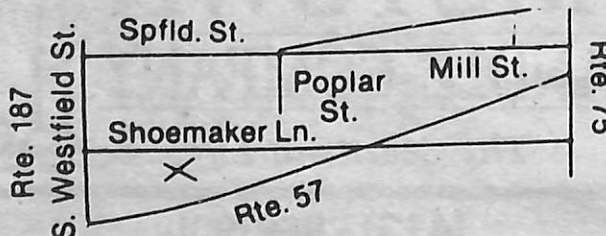
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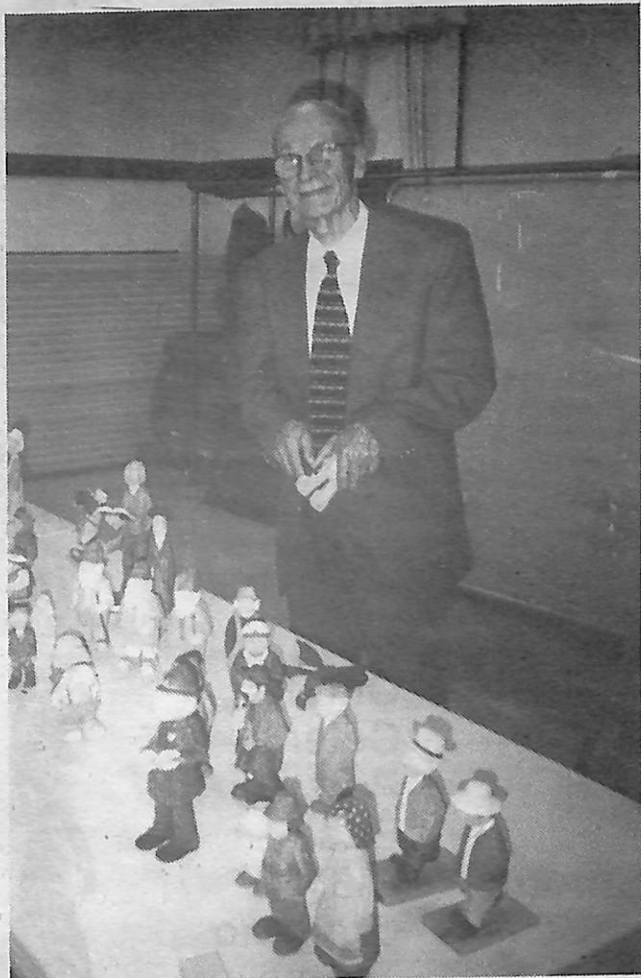
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**HARRY SWANSON**, a Swedish woodcarver who resides in East Longmeadow.

## Neptune Lodge Enjoys Visit By Woodcarver

Appearing at the most recent meeting of the Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge No. 3-552 (which now meets monthly at the Agawam Congregational Church), was Harry Swanson, a Swedish woodcarver. Swanson took a course in carving eight years ago in East Longmeadow (where he resides), and has been creating in wood since that time. He takes courses at Fletcher Farms in Ludlow, Vermont, and meets regularly at the West Springfield Senior Center, attending the Carving Club. He practices the Scandinavian style of carving, which is flat, plain carving. Straight knives are used.

This style originated from the long winters in this area, and farmers had a lot of wood. They would sit and carve to pass the time. At first, useful items such as bowls and candleholders were made, and then caricatures. Swanson said sharp knives are a must.

An oil stone is used to sharpen them, but only if a nick appears (otherwise, leather is used). One must always cut away from one's body, pushing with the thumb. Never cut toward you. Stop cuts should be used, so one does not cut beyond the planned point.

If a piece accidentally breaks, one has the option of using glue or a dowel to repair the break. If the figure is to hold something, the hole must be put through the hands, or otherwise placed first before starting on the piece. Sanding is a no-no in Scandinavian carving.

Acrylic paint can be used for color — one part paint to 15 parts of water. Swanson suggested a cut line between the paint colors so they don't bleed together. Pencil-in designs can be cut in



**AT THE SONS OF NORWAY, NEPTUNE LODGE NO. 3-552 MEETING:** Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Irish of Enfield, Connecticut, and Marriion Winters of Chicopee examine figurines crafted by woodcarver Harry Swanson.



**KHRIS BAKER OF CHESTER (left) and Virginia Heyl of Agawam are impressed by woodcarver Harry Swanson's creations. Swanson's presentation was part of the recent meeting of the Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge No. 3-552 (which meets at the Agawam Congregational Church).**

for patterning, and these can be filled with bark roseing. This is a process whereby the bark of a tree is rubbed on sandpaper to make a fine dust. The dust is then used to fill the holes. To finish, it is dipped in linseed oil.

As tools progressed, so did the carvings. No two carvings are ever alike. Swanson said that in the classes he took, the figures were already roughed out. Someone had traced the outline and

cut them out with a bandsaw ahead of time.

It takes approximately three days to make a carving. Twenty hours are spent on the actual cuts, while it takes at least four hours to paint. Swanson brought many of his carvings to share with those present. One thing he stressed was that trolls have tails and that there are only good trolls.

**IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT:** The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.

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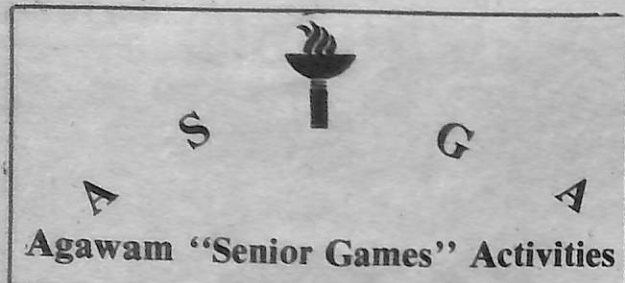
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We appreciate the support that we receive from our town at all of our events. It takes a lot of work

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to get our athletes to the National Games, but with the wonderful show of support from this town, it makes our job easier.

We thank you all and hope to see you on the 13th.

**TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN**

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will sponsor a trip to Mohegan Sun on Monday, May 22nd. The price will be \$16, and will include gratuities.

Mohegan Sun will offer a \$10 meal ticket and a \$10 free play on the Big Wheel. We are looking forward to a full bus and a special day of fun with our friends.

We will leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. sharp, and arrive at Mohegan Sun at approximately 9:30 a.m. We will leave Mohegan Sun at 4:00 p.m. sharp, arriving home at approximately 5:30 p.m.

To obtain a ticket, please call Edie Chiba at 786-5539, or purchase a ticket at the Senior Center.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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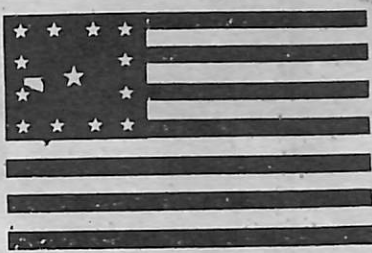


FACES FROM THE "MUSICAL HISTORY" OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL: Members of AHS's Color Guard from 1957-58 (left photo) and 1961-1962 (right photo).

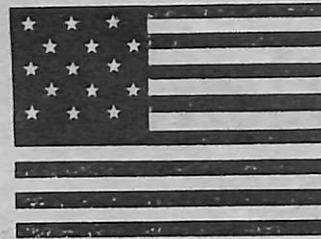


ONE-TIME AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT Stanley Peritz, who created the flag song "I Need America."

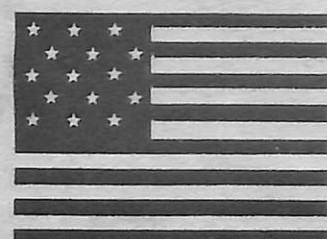
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## Another "Flag Song" From The Archives Of Retired AHS Chorus Director Darcy Davis

Another "flag song" has turned up in the research for songs about the Flag. A song, "I Need America," by Agawam High School student Stanley Peritz in 1961 was given to Chorus Director Darcy Davis, who never throws anything away.

Stanley was a senior at that time and it was customary for a senior class member to write the "Class Song" for publication in the Yearbook. Stanley was a member of the Band (playing Sousaphone), Dance Band (string bass), and Chorus, and although he did not write the Class Song, for some reason he felt inspired to write this song about his country and its flag.

The song was performed by the Chorus at that time, but it was never published.

This song, along with "The Glorious Strips and Stars," written by former Feeding Hills resident Hubert A. Blackburn in 1914, will be among the many "Flag" songs and poems to be presented at the June 14th Concert. Admission is free and the public is invited to the 7:00 p.m. program at the Agawam Senior Center.

Stanley will also be remembered for outstan-

ding performance in several Agawam High musicals; in the role of the Cowardly Lion in "The Wizard of Oz," the part of Hunk Hoyt in "Best Foot Forward," and Marryn' Sam in "Li'l Abner."

### More "Flag" History

The story of the making of the first flag by Betsy Ross is a picturesque tradition that is not now accepted by all historians, although it is true that Mrs. Ross, who occasionally made flags, lived in Philadelphia at the time of the flag's adoption, and the Betsy Ross house at 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, is a point of historic interest in that city.

There is a story that less than three weeks after Congress had authorized the flag design, a group of girls in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at an improved "flag-bee," made for Captain John Paul Jones, the dashing young Naval hero in command of the "Ranger," a beautiful Star Spangled Banner, which he hoisted over the war vessel, July 4, 1777, the first United States flag to be thrown to the breeze.



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## Shooting Star Dancers Raising \$\$\$ For Trip...



THE COMPETITION DANCE TEAM MEMBERS from Shooting Star Dance Center would like to say "thank you" to all who attended their ziti dinner dance on February 12th and their Mohegan Sun bus trip on March 10th-11th. They are fundraising to reach their goal to go to Disney to dance at the Magic Kingdom this August. The dancers will be having another Mohegan Sun bus trip fundraiser on Saturday, June 3rd. If anyone is interested in going on the trip, please contact Shooting Star Dance Center for information at 786-0660; the cost is \$20 per person, which includes a \$10 meal coupon and a \$10 free bet. **IN LEFT PHOTO** (the junior competition group): back row — Lauren Maloney, Kelsey Reed, Sara Cote, Ashley Fink, and Kaitlyn O'Connell; front row — Tiffany Moran, Jessica Kodess, and Laura Cote. **IN RIGHT PHOTO** (the senior competition group): back row — Erin Gormley, Patrick LaFleur, and Michelle Cote; front row — Jessica Roy, Brenda Hadden, Karen Hadden, and Candace Flaherty.

### Agawam Historical Association Slates Annual Banquet

The Agawam Historical Association's Annual Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

A buffet will be served. Guest speaker will be J.P. Greene, an authority on the Quabbin Reservoir and the towns of Dana, Enfield, Prescott, and Greenfield, now under water.

Reservations may be made by calling Carol Miller at 786-7329.

### Jr. Women's Club To Meet May 23rd

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its meeting on May 23rd, 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved.

For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515. The Club meets the third Tuesday of every month, at the Leonard House.

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A Father's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 18th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper St., Agawam.

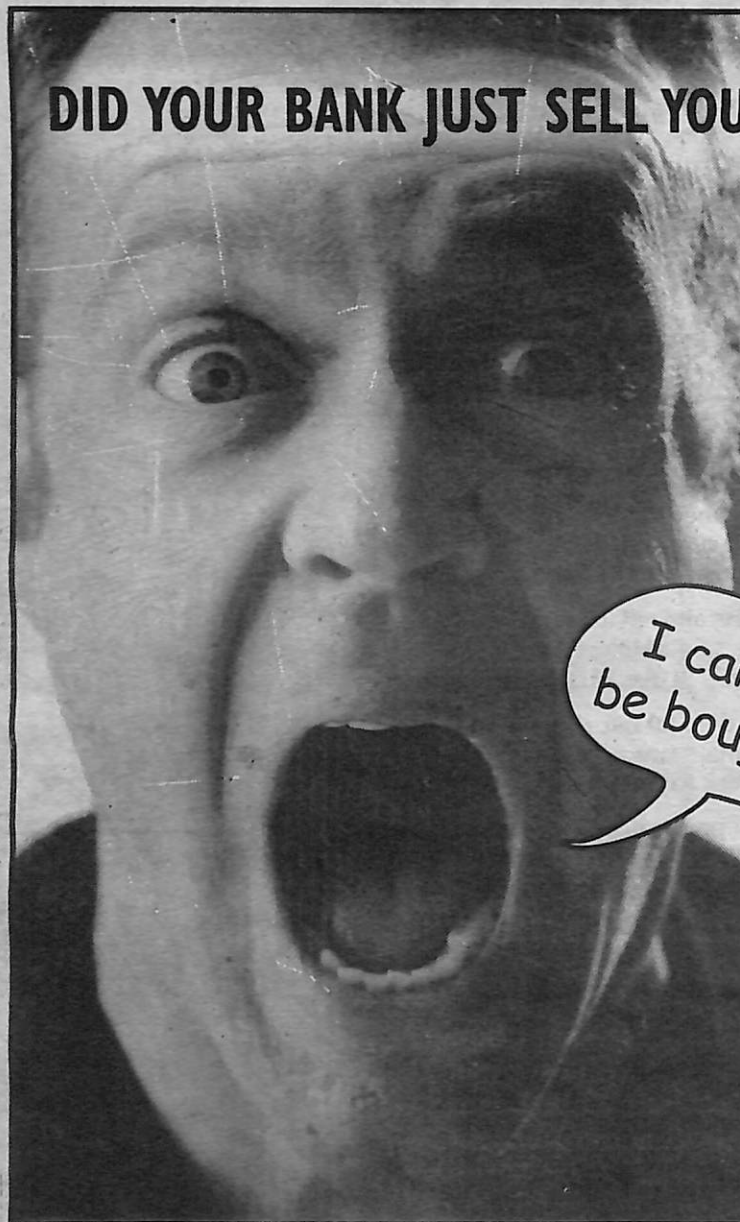
Proceeds from the event will benefit the Chief Grady Memorial Scholarship Fund. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

The Italian Sporting Club officers and com-

mittee members include Rudy Altobelli & Anthony Chicketti, co-chairmen; Anita Hastings, secretary; Robert Rossi, treasurer; and Scholarship Committee members Kay Muzzy, Martha Jerry, Bob Swikalus, Louis Ball, Matt Blackak, and Ben McCullough.

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# Church News

## Church News From Faith Bible Church

This week is our church tag and bake sale to raise money for our church addition. Many items are being brought in (large and small), and there promises to be something for everyone.

The women are also baking great things that are also going to be for sale. We are hoping for nice weather on Friday and Saturday so we will get lots of people looking for that special.

They will be starting on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m., and we will quit around 4:00 p.m. (or when the last person leaves with an armful of treasures).

We are hoping this will be a great time and bring in money for our new addition.

We are still holding Women's Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with a different topic and speaker each week.

As always, nursery will be provided for those with little ones.

With the wonderful weather upon us, we are planning our first of many picnics. We will be holding it after the second service on May 28th — Memorial Day weekend.

The food should be coming out about 12:15 p.m., and always promises to be plentiful. The grill will be heating, and other food is welcome.

This will be a great time, with games for the "kid" in all of us. We may even feel the need to challenge the teens to a game of basketball or volleyball.

This Sunday is Mother's Day, which is always a very special day. Without moms, life would be so dull and boring.

We will be holding a baby dedication during our second service at 10:30 a.m. for all who would like their baby dedicated to the Lord.

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

**Sunday:** 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., 1st Service; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 2nd Service; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Coffee/Fellowship.

**Tuesday:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bible Study/Book of Revelation.

**Wednesday:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Prayer; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Service.

**Friday:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Youth Group.

**Saturday:** 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Leadership Prayer & Meeting; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Open Prayer; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Music Practice; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Outreach.

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Check our classified ads every week...

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2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

*Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.*

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

Adapted from the booklet *Do I Have The Right Kind Of Faith?*  
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## Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 14th) is also observed as Mother's Day at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam), and is sometimes referred to as the "Festival of the Christian Home."

The theme calls attention to the attitudes that contribute to stability and longevity in family relationships. The fact that it follows so closely on the heels of Easter Sunday suggests a certain reassurance to family members; that the God who raised Christ from the dead is the same God as the Supreme Parent in all households, and for the entire family of humankind.

Flowers will be given to the mothers in attendance. The morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m., and Church School will be at 9:00 a.m.

Patrick Walsh will be Confirmed as a member of the church, and recognition will be given to two Cub Scouts who have earned their "God and Me" awards.

Dr. Bascom will give a sermon based on the Acts 4 text from the Lectionary, entitled, "No Looking Back."

The interim minister will conduct the second of his Lay Reader training sessions at 9:30 a.m., meeting with volunteers in Bryan Hall.

The group is exploring a variety of dramatic ways in which to present Scripture in worship.

A special meeting of the Congregation has been called for Sunday, May 21st. A candidate chosen by the Pastoral Search Committee will lead worship and preach at the morning worship service, and following the service the congregation will vote whether to call him Senior Pastor.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

A Campership Auction will be held in Bryan Hall following the service on May 14th, and your support would be appreciated.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 20th, when the church will be holding a cabaret and dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

Phone the church office to reserve your table; we would love to see you enjoy this great evening with us.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

## Events Calendar From Sacred Heart Church In Feeding Hills

### Attention Parents...

Our Religious Education registration for the coming year, 2000-2001, will be held from Saturday, May 20th through Sunday, May 28th in the Parish Center. Hours for registration are as follows:

**Sat., May 20th,** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.  
**Sun., May 21st,** after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses.  
**Mon., May 22nd,** between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
**Tues., May 23rd,** between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
**Wed., May 24th,** between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
**Thurs., May 25th,** between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
**Fri., May 26th,** between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
**Sat., May 27th,** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.  
**Sun., May 28th,** after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Anyone registering after these dates will be subject to a late registration fee of \$10. Late registration will take place the first week of September.

### BAPTISM

Please welcome into our parish family the recently baptized: Kyle Ernest Sheehan and Hannah Noelle Miller. Congratulations to their parents and families.

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 24th-28th (Monday-Friday), 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center, for kindergarten through grade six. Donation: \$10.

Please join us for a fun week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, play, and food. You may register at the same hours as our Religious Education Registrations, May 20th through May 28th.

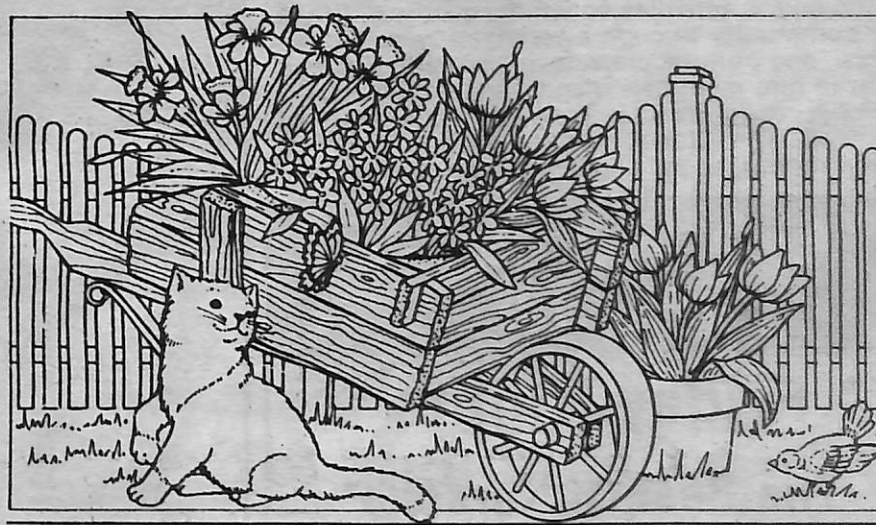
If you are able to volunteer for our parish Vacation Bible Camp, please contact Mrs. Kathy Patterson at 789-6705. Thank you.

### MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th. Once again, you have the opportunity to purchase ROSES at a donation of \$1 each. They will be sold outside (weather permitting) of each of the three doors of the church.

The donation goes to support Pro-Life.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.



## Happy Mother's Day

*There is nothing wrong with the world that a sensible woman could not settle in an afternoon.*

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## Church News - continued...

## Tag Sale Sponsored by Catholic Women's Club...

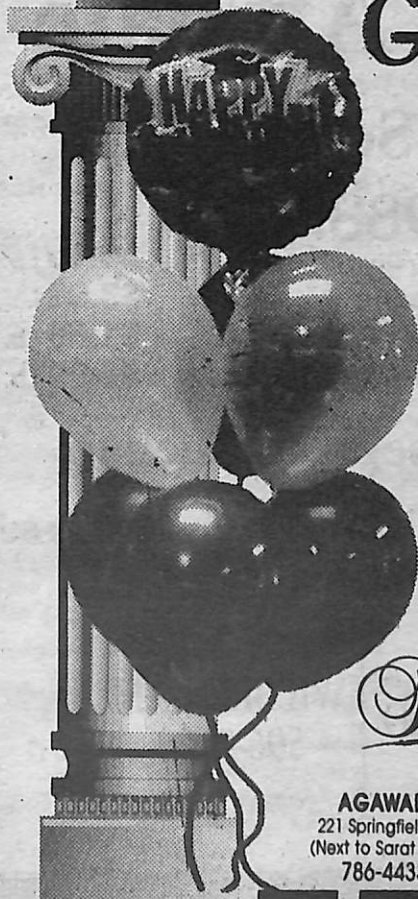


ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, in the parking lot of St. John's Church on Main Street, the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam conducted a tag sale. IN LEFT PHOTO: Gertrude Hooben holds a pitcher, which was one of her wares for sale. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Betty Burrage (seated) waits on Tammy Pinney. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN LEFT PHOTO: George Walker, Nancy Walker, and Joseph Serrenho browse around the Catholic Women's Club's tag sale. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Elaine Smith (left), who runs the floral studio "Fleur de Laina" in Agawam, makes a purchase from Ethel Fraser of "The Bargain Corner" (Bonnie View Road, Southwick). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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**Church News - continued...****Parish News And  
Notes From St.  
John's Church****ATTENTION TEENS—  
MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S**

Join us for an evening of fun and movies hosted by the Parish Youth Group.

\* Friday, May 12th, Grades 5 & 6, 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\* Friday, May 19th, Grades 7 & up, 6:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$2 (at the door each night). Refreshment and snacks will be available.

For more info, call Will Clark, 786-1629; Dave Cowan, 786-9676; or George & Fran Cornwell, 786-7159.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

First Communion will be celebrated here at St. John's this Saturday, May 13th. Because of the size of the class, we will have two Masses: one at 9:00 a.m., and the other at 11:00 a.m.

At presstime, the final rehearsals are as follows: Group 1, May 11th, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Group 2, May 12th, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The process of registration for next year's classes will be finalized in the coming weeks, and parents will be informed on the procedure.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER**

The Newsletter Committee is preparing for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter. Anyone who would like to submit an article is asked to call Donna Gregory at 788-7681 as soon as possible.

Names are still being accepted for a name for the newsletter.

We could use some creative ideas and reporters to prepare some special articles. We would love to hear from you.

Call Donna or see Fr. Howard.

**OVER-60 CLUB**

There is still room for the Victorian Cape May Trip, June 12th-15th (four days/three nights, \$335). Non-members are welcome. Deadline: May 12th.

**LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE**

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming food drive by the area letter carriers on May 13th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. The tasks to be performed will be at the Boys/Girls Club on Main Street in West Springfield: unpacking, sorting, packing, carrying, lifting, folding bags, etc.

This drive will benefit the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield. Give what time you can. Confirmation students looking for a project might consider this also.

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER**

A Mother's Day Dinner will be held at Chez Josef on Thursday, May 18th. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

House Speaker Thomas Finneran will speak. For tickets or info, call Monica, 746-0655. (Sponsored by Mass. Citizens for Life.)

**AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB**

The monthly meeting is held on the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

The Walking Group will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting) in front of St. John's Church.

**SCHOOL POSITIONS**

Applications are now being accepted for elementary and secondary teaching positions in our Catholic schools for 2000-2001.

Contact the Personnel Director, 625 Carew Street, Springfield, 452-0829.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice.

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Valley Community Church will hold its next monthly chicken supper on Saturday, May 13th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Dinner will consist of half a baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, salad fixings, rolls and butter, beverage, and your choice of dessert from our homemade dessert table. Cost is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12.

For reservations, call the church at 786-2445, Jeff at 789-2552, or Shirley at 786-2576.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

**Doll Show & Tea Party  
At First Baptist**

There will be a Doll Show and Tea Party on May 20th in Bodurtha Hall of the First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam.

The dolls are from the collections of members and friends of the church, from many categories. Some are well-loved, and some are in mint condition. None will be for sale.

There will be old, new, homemade, and store-bought. We will have porcelain dolls that are one-of-a-kind because the owner made them. We are hoping to share them with doll lovers.

The time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on May 20th will be used for sharing the fond memories of our childhood with some of the younger girls and their parents or grandparents.

There will be tea, coffee, punch, and cookies available for small tea parties while you are visiting our dolls.

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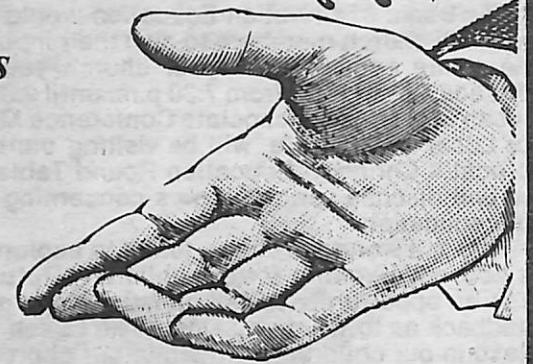
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**Church News - continued...****News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "What Do We DO With Our Faith?" The Bible reading is Acts 4:5-22. Sue Boisvert will be Lector. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman.

Jeff Chapman and Samantha Justilian will be our Acolytes. Children are invited to worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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Don't forget! This Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the Parish Cupboard. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the table in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the collection table for cash donations.

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A set of keys was found in the church hall. They are attached to a Spartan Muffler tag with a 1999 calendar.

A green seat cushion was left following the OF Mystery Dinner on Saturday, May 6th. If either item belongs to you, please call the office at 786-5061.

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The Board of Christian Education would like to invite all church members to give their input as to the future education of your church youth. On Thursday, May 18th, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Susan Dickerman, Associate Conference Minister for Local Church Life, will be visiting our church to host a Christian Education Round Table. Here we will discuss various topics concerning Christian education.

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore what is new and exciting for our children's future. It's also an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback as to what you would like to see taking place in our children's growth in our church.

This meeting is open to everyone, and all are encouraged to attend. The children are the future of the church. By attending, we as adults are sending a message saying we care. Hope to see you there!

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Thursday, May 18th is the deadline to submit articles to the church newsletter.

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On the calendar:

**Saturday, May 13th:** 3:00 to 10:00 p.m., OF Mystery Dinner.

**Sunday, May 14th:** 10:00 a.m., Parish Cupboard Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

**Monday, May 15th:** 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

**Tuesday, May 16th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Lay Minister/Membership.

**Wednesday, May 17th:** 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

**Thursday, May 18th:** Newsletter deadline; 7:30 p.m., Christian Education Round Table.

**Announcements From First Baptist Church In Agawam**

May 14th is American Baptist Women's Sunday. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Irene Blanchard. Rev. Blanchard is the Founder and Director of the Save-Our-Kids program. She also directs a children's choir which will be participating in the service on Sunday, as well as many women from our church.

Visitors are invited to this special Mother's Day service. Child-care is available during worship.

An opportunity for fellowship and refreshments follows the worship service, and then Sunday School classes for all ages.

Treat Mom to a Pancake Breakfast on May 14th. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Bodurtha Hall by the youth.

The Youth Group will also be selling beautiful carnations after the worship on Sunday.

The Home Bible Study will be held at the usual time, 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Mr. & Mrs. Club will have its end-of-year banquet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Church office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and can be reached at 786-7300.

**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 6:30

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson  
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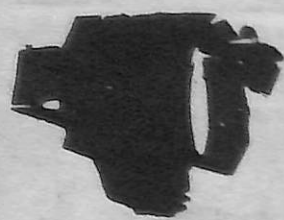
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"As Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer, Mr. Gorman will be responsible for calling on the region's business owners," noted Williams, "and offering them the personal service Westfield Bank can provide. He is a welcome addition to our Business Banking Team."

Prior to joining Westfield Bank, Gorman was a Vice President and Commercial Lender for the past six years at United Cooperative Bank. He is active in our community, serving as the President of the Board of Directors at the Greater Holyoke YMCA; Treasurer of the Holyoke Rotary Club; and Director of the Visiting Nurse Services of Western Massachusetts. He is also a Trustee of the Community United Way of Pioneer Valley.

A resident of Southampton, Gorman resides there with his wife and two children. He is a coach for local youth softball and soccer teams.

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by Sue & Charlie Alvanos  
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#### Starting A Woman-Owned Business? Be Sure To Take These Five Steps (Continued From Last Week)

**4. Estimate your expenses.** Your start-up costs will depend on what type of operation you'll run. A marketing consultant working from home will have much lower initial expenses than a retailer who needs a store, displays, inventory, and employees.

Of course, your expenses won't end with the costs of starting. By adding your initial costs and three to six months of ongoing expenses, you'll know automatically how much cash you'll need to support your business until it can sustain itself.

**5. Obtain financing.** Once you know how much money you'll need to launch your operation and keep it going for a period, you can begin to line up financing. The most common sources include per-

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sonal savings, loans from family or friends, traditional bank loans, and government-insured loans.

Access to capital is a hurdle for many entrepreneurs. This year, women are working together to make this easier. As part of the Count Me In/Broad Confidence in Women initiative, millions of women will be asked to donate \$5 to develop an independent source of capital for women micro-enterprise customers. Women's organizations and companies, including American Express, are donating their time and money to help make this effort a reality. If you are interested in donating or applying for a loan, visit the Count Me In/Broad Confidence in Women web site at [www.count-me-in.org](http://www.count-me-in.org).

A number of federal, state, and local agencies offer assistance for women starting businesses. For details about programs that might be available in your area, contact your local SBA office, call 1-800-827-5722, or visit the agency's web site at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). The On-Line Women's Business Center (sponsored by the Small Business Administration) also offers a resource guide that includes a comprehensive state-by-state database of business resources.

With any new business venture, it's important to assemble a team of advisors, including an accountant, attorney, and financial advisor. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you integrate your personal and business financial plans and help chart a course with your future needs in mind.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

Custom Mattresses, Too...

### Yankee Mattress Fills Need For Factory-Direct Orders

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

In the Greater Springfield/Hartford area, there is only one factory-direct mattress store, and it is Yankee Mattress Factory, 314 Springfield Street, Agawam.

In the front showroom, several sample mattress and box-spring sets are displayed, some with headboards. The atmosphere is warm and relaxing. "People don't always stop and realize it," says owner Joe Noblit, "but a mattress is one of the most important investments a person will make."

Noblit particularly enjoys taking time with customers, calling attention to factors important in selecting a mattress, such as construction, number of coils, upholstery, and other details to enhance consumer awareness.

After working in the mattress business for over 10 years, Noblit fulfilled one of his dreams and opened his own store here in town. He has had considerable exposure to the mattress business and recognized the need for a factory-direct mattress store without inflated costs due to middlemen and other exaggerated expenses.

In addition to the nine different mattress models offered by Yankee Mattress Factory, with prices and comfort levels to satisfy everyone's budgets and sleeping needs, Noblit customizes them, too. "Since I make the mattresses on-site, I can make special and odd sizes to order. I made one for a recreational vehicle recently. Certain antique beds are smaller and need custom mattresses," he said, citing just one of many possibilities.

At present, Noblit will be filling custom orders in the warehouse section of Yankee Mattress Factory, visible from the showrooms, and helping customers. Each mattress is hand-crafted and fully warranted in accordance with the model selected.

#### The Backbone Of Noblit's Vision...

Three ideals have been the backbone of Noblit's vision for a company. The first is to provide high-quality, hand-crafted mattresses. The second is to make the beds right on the spot, with no mark-up and no middle man. The third is to provide custom-made, specialty, and odd sizes to order. These precepts have been the backbone of Noblit's dream, and now it is becoming a reality.

Noblit gained much of his knowledge during his four years as product supervisor, followed by seven years as marketing representative, for a large, local, nationally-known brand-name manufacturer. The job involved helping design some of the products used in the local market. He established solid contacts in the industry, sources of materials, and supplies for making mattresses.

Yankee Mattress Factory is clean and inviting. The factory area (also very clean) is visible from either of the two showrooms, allowing customers to see first-hand how the mattresses are made, what materials are used, and the neat condition of the entire operation.

In a world of factory-direct merchandise, Yankee Mattress Factory truly is a company that manufactures top-quality products, saving the consumer money by eliminating costs. A visit to Yankee Mattress Factory in Agawam gives you a chance to view a unique skill in operation and to appreciate the results of this creative endeavor.

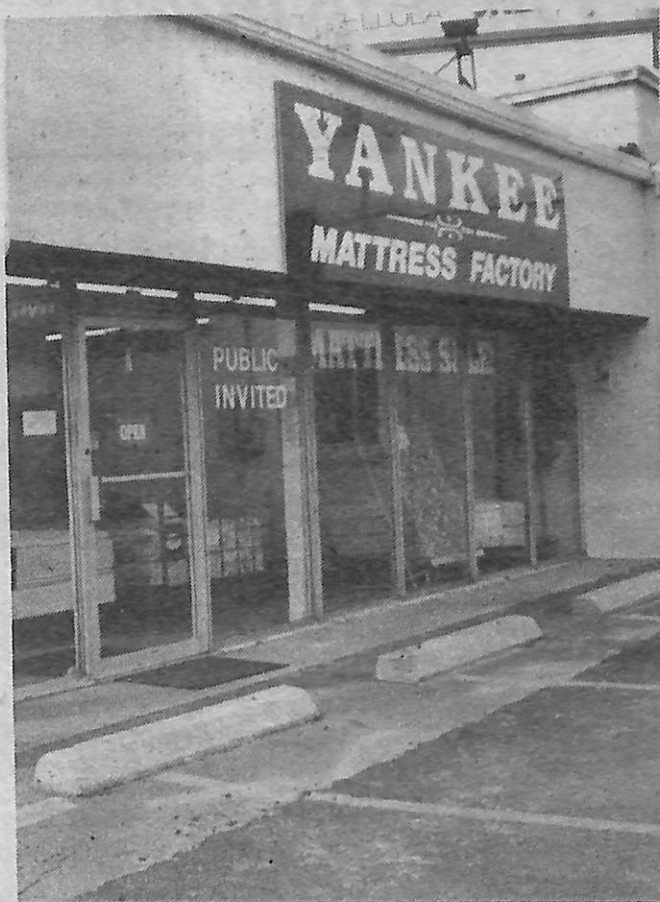
### Keenan & Molta Honored For First-Quarter Performance

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates once again finishes first in Massachusetts! The local company is being honored for its first-quarter performance by the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation.

Keenan & Molta's Agawam, Longmeadow, and Springfield offices took the top three spots in Massachusetts in the following categories: Buyer Controlled Sales, Closed Revenue Units, Gross Commission Income and Listings Sold.

"I'm so proud of our team," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates. "This proves how hard our agents are working to provide our clients with Gold Medal Service."

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YANKEE MATTRESS FACTORY, located at 314 Springfield Street, Agawam, is the only store of its kind in this area. According to owner Joe Noblit, the company can customize mattresses to buyers' requests. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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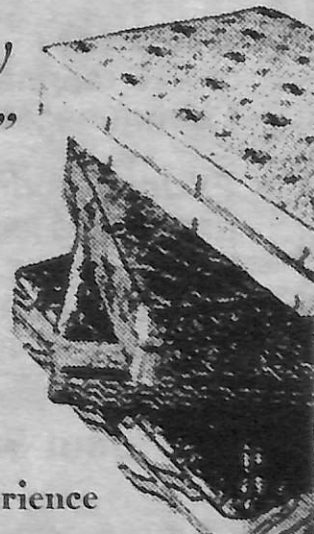
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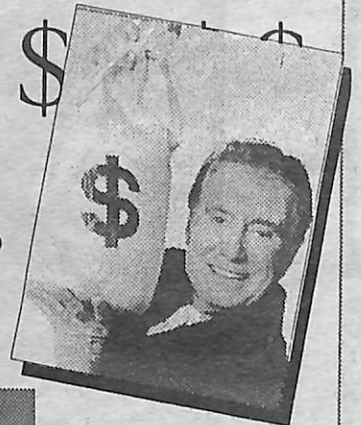
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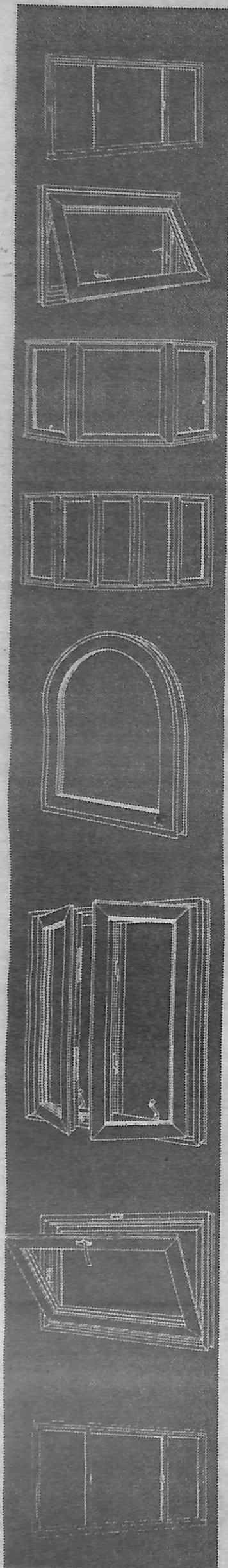
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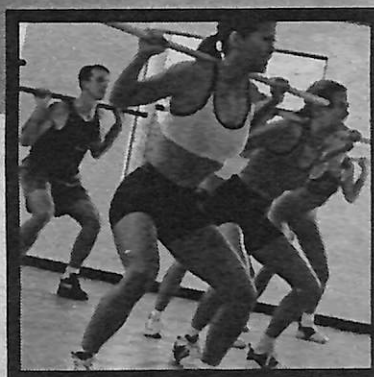
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### Basic Money Management Mistakes (Continued From Last Week)

- The contents of your home are not insured up to their replacement value... To maintain your standard of living, annual premiums are typically very inexpensive to cover almost everything you own. Discuss exceptions with your insurance agent.

- There is not enough liquidity in your savings to handle emergencies or opportunities... Create an emergency fund which should contain an amount equal to six months of expense money. Use your budget to arrive at an exact figure.

- Many families have not taken the time to fully understand the long-term investment rewards of the securities markets (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)... Take some time to go to your local library ... listen to audio cassette tapes ... watch videos ... and read books on the simple steps that you take to participate in these markets. Learn how to minimize your risks and maximize your rewards ... you'll be shocked on how these areas can greatly increase your net worth.

- The family does not fully understand their employee benefits... I regularly speak to people that don't participate in their company's 401K plan ... or if they do, they contribute minimal amounts. I suggest taking an active role in controlling the direction of your funds. Review all options and plot all possibilities. In most cases, this one area can be one of the top means of acquiring a substantial nest egg for retirement, school funds, purchasing a home, a medical emergency, and more ... **BE INVOLVED!**

- Your family has not drawn up a will, trusts, durable power of attorney, Homestead Act, etc. ... Don't be afraid of preparing this important information ... I see too many families reacting when it's too late.

- Tax planning... Some families make no tax projections for the upcoming year, and thus have no strategies in place ... and on the other hand, some families spend too much time on tax reduction, and not enough time on concentrating on accumulating wealth for their retirement/special needs.

There's my list of problem areas ... do any of them sound familiar? Cut out last week's column and this week's column and post them on your refrigerator. Set your goals and get to work ... you'll be amazed at how easy they are to accomplish.

Remember ... **"THE WORLD HATES CHANGE ... BUT IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT BRINGS PROGRESS!"**

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### KEENAN & MOLTA - from Page 26...

Agawam Sales Associate Priscilla Harman was named number one in Massachusetts for the first quarter in both Closed Revenue Units and Listings Sold. Harman is the Company Leader and is a multimillion dollar producer.

Longmeadow Sales Associate Debra Taylor was named number one in Massachusetts for the first quarter in Gross Commission Income. Taylor works in the Longmeadow office and is a multimillion dollar producer for Keenan & Molta.

Springfield Sales Associate Maria Acuna was named number one in Massachusetts for the first quarter in Buyer Controlled Sales. Acuna works in the Springfield office and is a multimillion dollar producer for Keenan & Molta.

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## Berkshire Power's "Tree Day"...



ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, Berkshire Power held its fifth annual "Tree Day," whereby the company provided (free of charge) hearty evergreen saplings. In the photo above: Joe Drownowski (far left) gets his complimentary sapling from Berkshire Power's Frank Basile (general manager) and Sandy Szlachetka (office manager). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MEMBERS OF THE SCHMAELZLE FAMILY (far left) — Matthew, Daniel, and Karl — receive their saplings from Frank Basile and Sandy Szlachetka. To date, Berkshire Power has given away over 40,000 trees through its annual "Tree Day." Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Legal  
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by

Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.  
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Reduce Support Invalid

A father who entered into a post-divorce agreement with his ex-wife to reduce his child-support payments could not rely on the agreement to defend an action for non-payment of support, the Appeals Court has ruled.

A Probate & Family Court judge previously held that the wife's agreement to accept less child support (\$275 per week) than the amount set forth in the divorce judgment (\$350 per week) operated as a bar to her complaint for contempt.

But the Appeals Court disagreed, remanding the matter to the Probate Court to establish the arrearages due under the adjudication of contempt.

"G.L.c. 119A, section 13(a), no longer permits a judge to moot or reduce arrearages for child support except for any period during which there is pending a complaint for modification," the Court said. "The Court therefore concludes that the [ex-wife's] agreement to accept less money than provided by the court order in this case did not constitute a defense to [her] complaint for contempt."

The decision clarifies the issue of whether parents can draft agreements between themselves, which would reduce the benefits to their children.

"Caselaw was not clear before, but the Appeals Court has now said that parents can't do this without having the court conduct an evaluation of whether it is in the best interests of the children and whether it is fair and equitable. This decision makes it 'perfectly clear' that courts will not let parents bargain away the rights of their children."

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

Six Flags New England Holds Its  
Grand Opening On Friday, May 5th

Six Flags, the world's leader in family fun and cutting edge thrills, officially debuted one of its newest super-parks in New England with the grand opening of Six Flags New England on Friday, May 5th.

The grand opening represented the culmination of four years of improvements that has transformed what was once Riverside Park into one of America's favorite family theme parks.

"Over the past four years, we've watched Riverside grow into a world class park. It is with great pride that it now becomes Six Flags New England," said Tim Black, general manager of Six Flags New England. "Becoming a Six Flags park is a mark of excellence and achievement launching us into the stratosphere of family entertainment."

Six Flags New England was open for a special V.I.P. community event on May 5th, at 11:00 a.m., debuting over a dozen new rides and attractions capping the park's four-year, \$100 million transformation. A brief dedication and grand opening ceremony was held, followed by an exciting visual and musical celebration welcoming the new cast and crew of Six Flags New England. The park opened to the general public on Saturday, May 6th.

New for 2000 is the *SuperHero Adventures* area featuring two new coasters, including *Superman Ride of Steel* and *Poison Ivy's Twisted Train*, as well as a 12-acre themed area with an air-conditioned restaurant that overlooks the Connecticut River. There's also the new *Batman Thrill Spectacular* stunt show with a new outside amphitheater, *Looney Tunes Movie Town* and *Scream*, a turbo drop ride unlike any other in New England.

## Superman Ride of Steel

*Superman Ride of Steel* is an extreme steel hyper coaster that boasts the longest first drop on the East Coast. *Superman* does more than leap buildings in a single bound, it climbs 208 feet into

the New England skies before rocketing back to earth and plunging 13 feet underground. After the record-setting 221-foot drop, over 70 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty, riders are hurdled through more than a mile of twists and turns at speeds over 70 mph.

## Batman Thrill Spectacular

This action-packed family stunt show features *Batman*, *the Riddler*, and other *DC Comics* characters in an explosion of daredevil stunts, special effects, and fireworks. With the help of the *Batmobile*, *Batman* battles villains in the brand new outdoor amphitheater.

## Looney Tunes Movie Town

Complete with eight new themed rides for both kids and their parents, *Looney Tunes Movie Town* is where the famous *Looney Tunes* characters, including *Bugs Bunny* and friends, entertain guests. There's also the rocking and rolling music revue, the "*Chevy Venture Looney Tunes Rockin' Show*," featuring everyone's favorite *Looney Tunes* friends. It's a show that's sure to get the entire family's toes tapping and bring smiles to the faces of kids of all ages.

## Scream

The new mega-thrill complex comes complete with three towers of 20-story turbo drop rides. *Scream* is different from traditional drop rides because it actually rockets riders skyward before plunging them back towards earth.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

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### JMC Copy/Printing Center Has A New Home In Feeding Hills

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

If a business is good, staffed by professionals, with an outstanding product, conscientious customer service and attractive prices, then it will almost certainly grow. That's the case with JMC Copy/Printing Center, which now has a new home at 831 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The printing company is the brainchild of Feeding Hills resident Harold Cote, who has 30 years of experience in the business. It all started when he apprenticed for two years as a letterpress operator for The Travelers in Hartford, Connecticut. Then it was on to a big printing company - The Graphics Center in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

After attending a tough three-month business management training course at Queens University in Toronto in 1987, he was promoted to plant manager, in charge of over 160 people. Because of a downturn in the economy soon after, the company went out of business. It was then that Cote decided to take his 23 years of experience at the time and fulfill a dream, owning his own copy and printing business. "It's a way of being creative, which is something I enjoy," he told us.

"First, I knew Agawam and the surrounding area would be an ideal place to be because there wasn't a really good copy and printing center anywhere close by," he said.

#### Modest Beginnings...

The company's beginnings were modest. "We started out of my basement in 1993. I went out and sold people on the quality and the competitive cost of the work we could do for them. They were tough customers who demanded the best. I felt I knew exactly what they wanted because at The Graphics Center, we did a lot of work for huge, very particular companies such as IBM and the like."

The hours were long, the product was good, and the customers were happy. But there is only so much you can do in a basement. It was time for a move to the next level. "Besides, my wife, after whose initials I named the business, said it was time to go," Cote laughed.

He moved the fledgling but growing company into the old Ben Franklin Building on Elm Street in Agawam. It was a big move and help came from a client then and a client now, The Bank of Western Massachusetts. "Ralph Ritchi (vice president of computer operations and head security officer for the bank) made it all possible for us," Cote noted.

JMC, enjoying the success which comes from continued hard work and a quality product, soon outgrew the Elm Street location. The next stop was over to West Springfield. "We had some more timely help there, this time from Bob Vanderhoof of Agawam Opticians," Cote said.

Finally, after two-and-a-half years in West Side, with more customers coming on board, it was time to pull up stakes and look again for a new home. They found it at 831 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, moving in this past February. It's a 2,000 square-foot facility, with plenty of space for



JMC COPY/PRINTING CENTER is now located at 831 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. The company's 2,000 square-foot facility will accommodate its ever-growing customer base.

Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

a printing room with everything you could ask for in that department.

Cote also has two copiers; one a state-of-the-art Sharp, capable of black and white and full color applications. It will soon be computer driven and able to accept software from clients who have designed their own logos and the like and want them faithfully reproduced in whatever quantity they desire.

"The copier was the first of its kind in the area," Cote pointed out. Then he added, "When it comes to printing or copying, we can do it all. And I feel our prices are right. Plus, we offer free pick-up and delivery."

**Permanent Business In Agawam Always A Goal**  
In the end, a permanent business in Agawam was always a goal for him. "I enjoy this community and try to be active in it," he said. Cote has sent four kids through the Agawam School System. He is an assistant coach for the Agawam High varsity girls' basketball team.

His family has helped at times with the many aspects of the business. His wife, Jackie, was especially instrumental at the beginning. "She's a registered nurse and I needed her benefits starting out. It took some of the pressure off of me at a very critical time," he smiled.

The Bucalo, Shea, and Conte families have offered assistance as well, according to Cote. And his office manager and all-around jack-of-all-trades, Amanda Zides, who has been with the company for three years, is a godsend, according to him. "Amanda can typeset, proofread, do layouts, run the office, and has an excellent rapport with the customers," he said.

JMC is open five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. They are currently doing extensive renovation of the interior, which was a former beauty salon, to make the place look as good as the work they produce. It certainly is a company true to the flyer they have out - "He we grow again."



HAROLD COTE, owner of JMC Copy/Printing Center. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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### Not Leaving The Unknown Alone

Last week, I was leaving the movie theater and took a look in the lobby at posters of soon-to-be released movies. I came across a subtitle for Johnny Depp's new movie that read: **Leaving the Unknown Alone**. I was struck by the power of this statement.

Then I began to reflect on a movie I had recently seen: *Erin Brockovich*. This was a true story about a single mother of three, played by Julia Roberts, who faced the harsh reality of near poverty without much chance for gainful employment.

The movie depicts her desperation, determination, courage, and flare for relationship building that made all the difference in how she lived life. I was touched by the creativity and urgency that she approached life. She faced the reality of knowing what life was like trying to stay one step ahead of the bill collectors.

The story powerfully portrays her ability to step directly into the unknown while not leaving it alone. She was transformed and transformed hundreds of people by simply sitting with them and listening to their tragic stories of death and dying caused by the large company dumping toxic waste into the community's water system.

Erin's whole life changed! It took years to compile research, develop relationships, while endlessly challenging her boss into the unknown. She made every necessary sacrifice on behalf of her three young children. The sub-plot involved meeting her neighbor, George, a "biker." She was desperate for childcare. George was available and willing. Fearful of once again risking trust and growth, after two 'failed' relationships, she yet again faced the unknown.

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I don't know where my life would be if it were not for my unending commitment to myself to face the unknown. This is the single most significant aspect of my life that has shaped where I've come from, where I am today and where I'm going.

Do you know what risks you've taken that have shaped your life so profoundly? Have you ever taken such risks into the unknown? Or what ways of living still lie ahead that challenge you into not leaving the unknown alone?

How do we know when we are on the brink of such moments? For me, I have learned to trust my gut. Literally! My stomach trembles, often out of control, when I am faced with the connective fear and opportunity to live into the unknown. I trust my trembling stomach to inform me that something really important is before me to face.

This tremble is not 'simple' anxiety about something new that I chose to try or something that might be forced upon me. No, what I've grown to trust is how my trembling body absolutely confirms that I'm on the threshold of possibility. Possibility for goodness to be embraced in uncertainty of the unknown.

Consider for a few moments how these types of opportunities exist in your life. Perhaps on your job, in your church, your family, and in important relationships. Perhaps your 'trembling' type moment starts with new ways of considering and/or treating your 'self.'

I believe the task of facing self, other, and even the God you understand, is all about not leaving the unknown alone. It is about facing the unknown and living into the present moment as best as only you are capable, not solely on other people's terms, but more and more on your own terms.

The complexity of not leaving the unknown alone!

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## Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph  
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### Medicare Insurance & Chiropractic

**Question:** As a senior citizen (over 65), I recently visited a chiropractor with excellent results. Unfortunately, I was never reimbursed for the money I spent on the x-rays that revealed my problem. Why?

**Answer:** The current Medicare program allows doctors of chiropractic to perform "manual manipulation of the spine," but requires a diagnostic spinal x-ray, which is not covered when performed by a chiropractor.

Absurd, ridiculous, wrong. These are the first three words that come to my mind when it comes to the inappropriate treatment of our seniors by the Medicare insurance program. Chiropractic's two national associations (the International Chiropractic Association and the American Chiropractic Association) are promoting a grassroots legislative effort to pass a chiropractic amendment to the Medicare bill that has been in existence for over two decades.

The bill's amendment, H.R. 997, has been introduced by Philip Crane (R-IL) to reword title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover chiropractic examinations, manipulations, and x-rays. H.R. 997 has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Crane serves as that committee's ranking Republican member.

The current Medicare program is spending over \$100 million each year on chiropractic services, representing less than one percent of total Medicare spending.

Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX), a member of the Health Subcommittee who recently toured Parker College of Chiropractic, dubbed current Medicare reimbursement for chiropractic services as anti-competitive, and that he would encourage support for the reform bill.

Both national associations emphasize the need for chiropractors and their patients to call and write their representative to urge them to become co-sponsors of the bill. The associations have both prepared strategies for action.

For more information, call the ACA at (703) 276-8800, ext. 224, or the ICA at 1-800-243-4690.

The Schaffer Chiropractic Office is available to answer your questions. Call 789-1369.

## ADVERTISER NEWS



## Fitness Tips...

by  
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### Some Like It Hot...

The hot weather has arrived. Have you noticed? Some folks love the heat, and some folks can't stand it. We are all different, but whether you like it or not, there are precautions to take.

Think about air quality, over-heating, dehydration, and think about the high-risk groups. These upcoming summer months bring a lot of outdoor fun, but they also bring some outdoor, heat-related illnesses. You don't have to avoid the heat, but certainly make it a consideration.

The hot, humid weather tends to make the fresh air not so inviting. We are acutely reminded of how much pollution we create when it is not being blown away immediately. I discourage you from running or walking midday on these hot ones.

Also, stay away from the congested roads, as our cars are a huge source of pollution. Exercise outdoors if you like, but try and do it with the better air quality (like early or late in the day, and away from the roads).

Don't exercise in the direct sunlight. Our bodies do overheat. It is the same risk as having a very high fever. You can become disoriented, nauseous, and very ill.

Stay in the shade or choose early morning or after sundown. Dress in light colors to reflect sunlight. You are exercising to stay healthy, not to get sick.

Rehydrate regularly. Constantly sipping bottled water is a must. Don't wait until you are thirsty; if you feel thirsty, it is already too late. I recommend water unless you are out for more than an hour; at that time, you certainly can use the "thirst quencher" drinks that are out. They provide some minerals that are lost with perspiration. For children, I tend to water them down. Don't mess with electrolytes in those little bodies; encourage the water and lots of it.

Some people are at higher risk for heat-related problems than others. Children and the elderly are the first that come to mind. In the elderly, the thirst center is a little worn-out. They don't get thirsty as often, and sometimes need to be reminded to drink plenty of water. Dehydration is easy to occur, but it is also easy to prevent.

The same goes for all. Exercise outdoors in the morning or after sundown. Dress in light clothing. Drink plenty of fresh, clean water regularly and often. Whether you like the weather hot or can't stand it, be smart about it.

# Not leaving the Unknown alone!

## You are worth it!

Read more about this in today's **FOR YOUR HEALTH** column.

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### Pregnancy & Chiropractic

Pregnancy can have a significant effect on a woman's body. Hormonal changes occurring in pregnancy cause softening and stretching of the ligaments throughout the entire body.

This change begins very early in pregnancy and continues to about the sixth week postpartum. The increased weight and altered biomechanics that occur as pregnancy progresses can further exaggerate changes. This can lead to low back pain, mid-back pain, and neck pain.

Another common ailment is sciatic pain, pain in the buttock and down the leg. This affects walking, sleep, sitting, not to mention, mental attitude. When a woman is pregnant, the last thing she wants to do is take any kind of medication that may affect the unborn child.

Chiropractic is a natural approach to healthcare, thus, perfect for the pregnant mom. There is no contraindication to manipulation of the low back for a pregnant woman suffering with

low back pain.

My neighbor is currently in her ninth month of pregnancy and suffering with acute low back and leg pain. We have treated her conservatively with gentle manipulation, soft-tissue massage, and a home exercise program.

She has responded quite well to care. Another important aspect of treatment includes patient education. Here are some suggestions that may help decrease any discomfort:

- Use pillows when lying down (between and under the knees).
- Stretching and strengthening program (call our office for more info.).
- Good posture with sitting and standing (a small pillow behind the back is helpful with sitting. *Back Hugger* pillows are available at our office - the perfect holiday gift!).
- Avoid bending from the waist only. Use hips and legs. Squat often.
- Avoid high-heel shoes. They increase strain on the low back.
- Ice and heat can help relieve symptoms.

\*\*\*\*\* - Family support (this one is my favorite). DECREASE the amount of housework, especially vacuuming, ironing, and washing dishes. Support from the family to perform these activities should be encouraged.

If you have any questions regarding pregnancy and chiropractic care, please contact our office. We certainly understand any discomfort you may be experiencing!

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## Bereavement Support Group At Mercy Hosp.

Persons who have experienced the death of a partner are invited to attend the next meeting of Mercy Hospital's bereavement support group on Saturday, May 20th. The "Being Alone" group will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Agawam.

Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department, facilitates the free meetings, which focus on issues of grief, mourning, and recovery.

Registration is required; for more information, call (413) 748-9453.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS's member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

## Breastfeeding Class At Baystate Medical Ctr.

Baystate Medical Center will offer a one-night class on "Breastfeeding and Returning to Work," Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Boardroom Conference Room located in the Wesson Building.

Taught by a lactation consultant, the class will offer women information on selecting a breast pump, pumping and storage, when to give a bottle, and weaning.

The cost of the class is \$10 and free to women who have already taken a breastfeeding class at Baystate.

To register, call The Professionals at 794-BABY.

## Medical West To Host Menopause Program

Medical West Associates presents "The Time of Your Life...The Menopause Years" with Dr. Jean Talati, Wednesday, May 17th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Talati will discuss physical and emotional changes women are known to experience before and during menopause, hormone replacement, osteoporosis prevention, and calcium supplements, as well as other aspects of nutrition and more.

This seminar is free to all women of any age and will be held at the Springfield Medical West, 305 Bicentennial Highway.

Here's an opportunity to have your questions

answered. Obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Jean Talati has been seeing patients at Medical West since 1983. Her expertise on menopause has been shared with her patients and in programs to enthusiastic audiences for many years.

Because seating is limited, pre-registration is requested for this free, community service program. Please call Emily Lewis at Medical West Associates at (413) 598-7132.

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## Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Offered By Noble Hospital In Westfield

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Crohn's & Colitis Support Group:** Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Lincoln D. Russin, M.D., will host the presentation "Diagnosing Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

This program is free of charge and open to people with Crohn's & Colitis, their family members, and support persons.

For more information, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328.

**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, May 30th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Diabetes Nurse Educator Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at 572-5178.

**Caregivers' Support Group:** Wednesday, May 31st, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at 562-7049.

**Bereavement Group:** Wednesday, May 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at 562-7049.

### PROGRAMS/COURSES/CLINICS

**Bicycle Safety Rodeo:** Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's West Silver Street parking lot. (Sponsored by the Westfield Police Department Community Police Unit, Noble Hospital, and the Westfield Kiwanis Club.)

Bring your bike and helmet (mandatory) and join the fun! There will be bicycle inspections, an obstacle course, a free bicycle raffle, and Police and Fire Department EMT Bicycle Patrols.

For more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328. (If there is rain on May 13th, please call the Health Beat to hear if the Bike Rodeo will be held.)

**Smoking Cessation Program - "Forgetting Cigarettes"** with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist: Sundays, May 14th and 21st, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328.

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo:** Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture

### Support Group On How To Stop Smoking

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, nicotine replacement therapy, education, and motivational support.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required; call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328.

**Osteoporosis Lecture with Robert Wool, M.D.:** Wednesday, May 17th, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and preregistration is encouraged.

To preregister, please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesday, May 17th and 24th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's CPR Line at 572-5172.

**Noble Hospital and The American Inn present "If It's Herbal, Is It Good For Me?":** Thursday, May 18th, 2:00 p.m. In the Crane Building Auditorium at The American Inn, Route 202, Southwick.

Presented by Kelley Senecal, R.Ph., of Noble Hospital, this lecture will present some information that you may not have about herbal products available in the United States.

The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Preregistration is recommended. Please call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 562-2328 to preregister and for directions.

Refreshments will be provided. A tour of The American Inn is available after the presentation.

**National Safety Council First Aid & American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR:** Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Education Department, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

This program is for lifeguards, camp counselors, recreation workers, day-care providers, fitness instructors, health care personnel, and others who need First Aid and CPR certification.

The cost is \$65. Call the Noble Hospital CPR line to sign up at 572-5172, or the Education Department with any questions at 568-2811, ext. 5572.

**"Footsteps For Home Health And Hospice" (to benefit Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services; dedicated to the memory of Jerry Fouché):** Saturday, May 20th — rain or shine! At Park Square in Westfield. Check-in time, 9:00 a.m.; walk begins at 10:00 a.m.; prizes/refreshments, 11:00 a.m.

Raffle prizes for all preregistered walkers, door prizes, water along the way, and post-walk refreshments. Prizes for top three individual money-raisers (calculated by amount turned in by day of the walk).

Registration forms at Noble Hospital Development Office, NVNHS, Westfield Fire Department Headquarters and Sub-Stations, and Colton Insurance, 136 Elm Street. Parking at First Congregational Church lot on Broad Street, Westfield.

**Six Weeks To Better Eating (presented by The Women's Center at Noble Hospital and Absolute Wellness Center and Spa):** Six Wednesdays beginning May 24th and continuing on May 31st, June 7th, June 14th, June 21st, and June 28th. From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Women's Center at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

The cost of this program is \$110. Topics will include general nutrition, dining out, a field trip to the supermarket, exercise, the mind-body connection, and emotional eating.

The program will include two consults with a registered dietician (one prior to the start of the program, and the second at the end of the program). Registration is limited.

To register or for more information, please call The Women's Center at Noble Hospital at 572-5182.

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## "Happy Dan" At The Agawam Library

Happy Dan the Music Man would like you to join him at the Agawam Public Library on Monday, May 22nd from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Sing With Your Baby" is designed for Agawam and Feeding Hills parents (and pregnant moms) and their babies, up to age two. You will learn some songs, musical games, and how to create your own music.

## Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...

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## Man Of La Mancha To Cap Off Theater Project's Current Season

The celebrated story of the adventures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza will come to life at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield when the Theater Project stages *Man of La Mancha*, May 11th through June 11th. The musical will conclude the Theater Project's third full season at the Majestic, which re-opened in March 1997.

"The story of Don Quixote is timeless in its ability to uplift the viewer," says Producing Director Danny Eaton, founder of the Theater Project. "And this year marks the 35th anniversary of the play's inception, so we're especially proud to be presenting *Man of La Mancha*."

New York-based stage performers Howard Pinhasik and Michelle Rosen will portray Don Quixote and Aldonza. Pinhasik appeared in the same role in a 1997 production with the Connecticut Repertory Theatre that won the Connecticut Drama Critics Award for Best Musical.

Other cast members include Theater Project veterans John Woytowicz, Amy Rist, Frank Aronson, Ray Zorin, and Ed Carey (*Side Show*), Roger Patnode (*Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*, *The Winds*

of *Fashioning Time*), and Jarice Hanson (*Anne Frank*).

Kristina Bendikas has been appointed director, and Eaton is producing director. Tony de Vecchi will choreograph, and musical direction will be handled by Stefan Billups. Gretchen Cohen will stage manage.

Tickets for *Man of La Mancha* range from \$13.50 to \$22, depending on the time of performance, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797. Box office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (2:00 to 5:00 p.m.), Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.), and Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Discounts are available for students, seniors, and groups. Wine and beer are now available at the theater during performances.

The Theater Project is currently selling tickets for its fifth annual Classic Corvette convertible raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn on December 31, 2000, and the winner will choose either a 1957 or 1964 model Corvette. Tickets cost \$10, with proceeds going toward the continuing renovation of the theater.

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### The Chills In May!

\* *The Sixth Sense*: 1999. Rated PG-13.

I'm sure you all have heard so much about this film in recent weeks that I certainly will not be the one to reveal any plot surprises. I will, however, point out the attributes that make this a worthwhile rental.

First of all, anyone who labeled Bruce Willis as the star of this riveting thriller was wholly wrong. Instead, the young and talented Haley Joel Osment steals the show as nine year-old Cole Sear, a boy who unwillingly communicates with malevolent ghosts. Bruce Willis plays Malcolm Crowe, a child psychologist who befriends Cole and tries to help him with his issues regarding the deceased.

The film will grab you during the opening sequence, but soon thereafter loosens its grip via some slow-moving scenes. I attribute these aforementioned scenes to the fact that the film starts out as a supernatural thriller but slowly evolves into a psychological drama. The extraordinary performances of all involved sustain the viewer during these slow scenes. The plot tightens its grip again during the resolution with Cole's chilling admission, "I see dead people." This gripping scene singlehandedly makes the finale quite intense and unexpected.

Director M. Night Shyamalan may have let the film slow down too much at times, but the ending, I believe, is unaffected. *The Sixth Sense* has many more good qualities as opposed to bad. Upon a second viewing with knowledge of the climax, I'm compelled to applaud the filmmakers for the obvious painstaking effort they put into keeping continuity within the scenes. Of all the lesser quality films being released these days, *The Sixth Sense*, although not executed perfectly, does deliver the chills and surprises. **4 STARS.**

\* *The Bone Collector*: 1999. Rated R.

This is one of those movies where great photography and plot potential are tainted by average performances and an unsatisfying ending. After a New York policewoman, played by Angelina Jolie, discovers the body of a murder victim, the NYPD enlists the aid of a bed-ridden criminal genius/former forensics cop, played by Denzel Washington, to help solve the grisly murder. Amelia Donaghy, the policewoman-turned-forensics-prodigy, acts as his "legs" while investigating the case.

From the discovery of the first victim, the film will keep you guessing in much the way the old-time "whodunits" did. The first problem, unfortunately, is the surprisingly stale performances from a normally reliable cast ensemble. Denzel Washington becomes almost annoying with his portrayal of the all-too-efficient Lincoln Rhymes. Everyone else just appears to be going through the motions with a "let's-hurry-up-and-finish-this-movie" attitude, as is exemplified by their unconvincing dialogue delivery.

Director Phillip Noyce had many chances to turn up the tension in this film, but kept falling short because the film's true attention kept reverting back to Rhymes' abilities as a forensics cop more than on who is actually committing these heinous crimes. Surely the intent here was to develop Washington's character, as such, to create empathy with the audience. This, however, causes a major disruption in the plot development that the viewer never fully recovers from.

Although I wasn't thrilled with this film, there is some great photography I am compelled to point out. Pay attention to the camera movements involving the scene where the first body is found, as well as the steampipe sequence, to see examples of this great camera work (most notably the perfect lighting).

In my opinion, the resolution of the story is ruined by the identity of the killer. This is the biggest plot bomb of all. Totally unconvincing. Like Godzilla being reduced to a salamander! As for the finale, I think a walking psycho could realistically overpower a quadriplegic if he really wanted to ... don't you? **2 STARS.**

\* *The Matrix*: 1999. Rated R.

Life, as we know it, is nothing more than a computer program designed by an artificial intelligence. This is the premise behind this film. Keanu Reeves pairs with Laurence Fishburne in this bizarre, chilling tale about an alternate reality. Fishburne plays Morpheus, the man who lures Reeves' character, Neo, into the matrix. Morpheus trains Neo to aid them in their battle against the enemy, Agent Smith.

First off, let me remind you that I am reviewing this film based on my first viewing. I clarify this because things happen so fast in this movie that

For 25th Silver Anniversary Recital...

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We will hold a practice (a familiar word from your past) at the Agawam Studio, 1325 Springfield St., Feeding Hills on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00

a.m.-12:00 noon for all who wish to participate. Come and bring a friend.

Please pass the word to any former student or parents of former students you may know as our address contacts are somewhat limited.

Please note that this group is open to any former students now over the age of 18. We hope to see you May 13th.

Please note that the recital dates for 2000 are June 16th and 17th. If you need to reach us at The Academy, please call Nancy Locke at 413-786-7683. Celebrate Recital 2000 and a part of your past with us!!

## Spring Art Exhibit To Be Held This Month At The Agawam Public Library Gallery

During the month of May, a Spring Art Exhibit will be held in the gallery of the Agawam Public Library. The Agawam Public Schools' Visual and Performing Arts Department welcome the public to an exhibition of artwork from grades K-12.

This special exhibit will feature a variety of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, crafts, and mixed media.

Elementary art teachers Marcia Scherpa and Gail Szatrowski will present the artwork of students from Clark, Robinson, Granger, and Phelos schools. The Middle School students' art-

work for grades five and six will be displayed by Thais Wright, Deb Florek, Art Liaison, and Andrew Kraus will highlight the Junior High School's grade seven and eight artwork.

Frances Messina, Art Academic Coordinator for Agawam Public Schools, and Geraldine Schilling Nordal will showcase artwork for grades 9-12.

The library hours for viewing are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays - AAN!  
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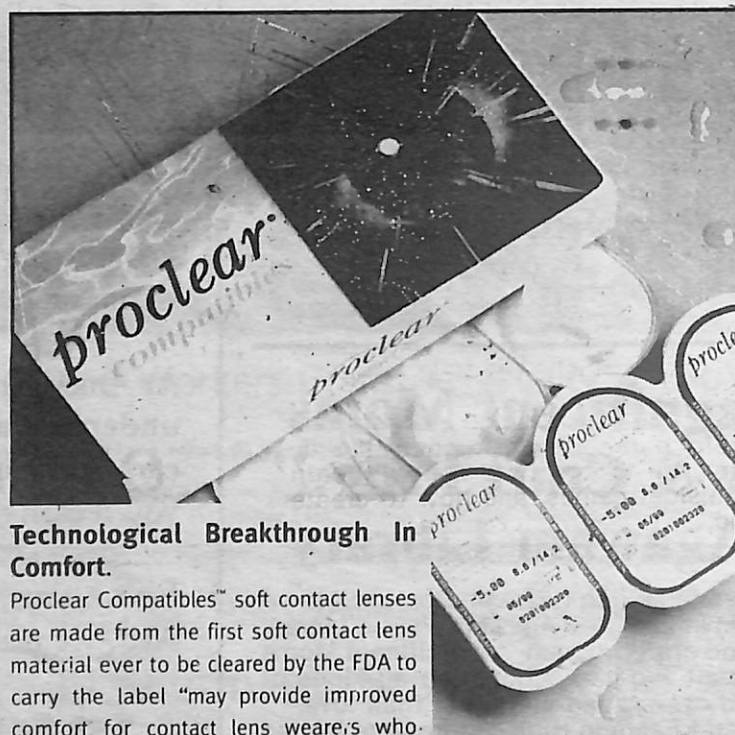


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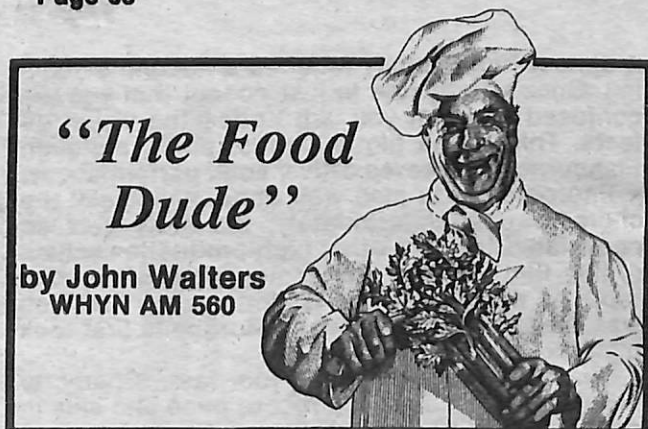
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## "The Food Dude"

by John Walters  
WHYN AM 560

### Are You Planting???

Hi, I am John Walters. I'm the Food Dude. Listen to my radio show. I broadcast every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on WHYN AM 560. My show is dedicated to helping you have more fun in the kitchen.

This week's column poses the question, "Are you planting?" I leaves the vegetables to the folks at E. Cecchi Farms. I plant herbs; so should you. Here is a list of what I think will make your herb garden great — tarragon (French, not Russian), basil, rosemary, thyme, parsley, and cilantro.

Make sure that you water them properly. Add plant food like Peter's from time to time, and you will grow great herbs. If you put mint in, grow the patch away from the others; it can choke the rest out.

Dry your herbs out in the sun. Hang the bunches out so they can air-dry quickly. Save the dried for later in the year. This summer, have the freshest herbs in your recipes.

Cilantro has two uses. The seeds are valuable, too. They can be crushed and used to flavor foods.

Everybody likes to put hot peppers in their gardens. Don't plant the ones that are impossible to eat. Choose some that are a little milder. If you have recipes calling for chipolte, those are jalepenos that have ripened red and then smoked.

When you're grilling outside, put one of those peppers into your onions and pepper that you're frying. Ooh, the taste ... you'll love it!

If you're planting peppers, try the Italian frying peppers instead of the bell peppers.

Here is a recipe for early summer — squash blossoms. Fill the squash blossoms with a sausage and breadcrumb stuffing. Cheese and fresh herbs and simmered in broth or red sauce.

1/2 Lb. sweet sausage

1 C breadcrumbs

1 Tb fresh parsley

1 Tb fresh basil

1/4 romano cheese

Black pepper to taste

NO SALT

Fill the blossoms and simmer 'til done.

This is John Walters; I'll be talking to you on the radio.

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## "Magnificent Moms Story & Craft Prog." At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library for a story and craft program, "Magnificent Moms Story and Craft Program," honoring all kinds of mothers, and celebrating the gift of their love.

Agawam and Feeding Hills children are invited to the library on Saturday, May 13th, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon to listen to "mother" stories, make a card and a craft to give on Mother's Day.

Please visit the library or call 789-1550 to register for this program.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...



STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS FROM THE Mary Ann Dance Studio take a break during their dance class with instructor Larry Post (front row, center), a Broadway performer and choreographer. Standing (teacher aides and students): Jodi Paulin, Marie Liebenber, Darcey Cavanaugh, Lakisha Duncan, Ashley Collins, Lisa Asta-Ferrero, Allison Ricker, and Alissa Zmaczynski. Sitting (Mary Ann Studio faculty members): April Mosher, Angela Grout, Tara Delsky, Melissa Stebbins, Andrea Prova, Barbara Axiotis, Karolyne Avezzie, and Sarah Latif.

## Mary Ann Dancers Celebrate "Dance Week" With Broadway Performer/Choreographer

The faculty and students of the Mary Ann Dance Studio celebrated "Dance Week" by taking master classes with Broadway performer and choreographer, Larry Post.

The studio staff took advantage of additional classes to bring back new ideas for class warm-ups and dance combinations to teach their students the newest and latest dances.

Students, staff, family, and friends of the Mary Ann Dance Studio enjoyed the annual trip that the studio takes to New York City each year. Many filled their day with sightseeing and, of course, a little shopping in the "Big Apple."

The trip was enjoyed by all, and already the studio is looking forward to making plans for next year's trip.

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## Education

### Potter Presents Demonstration To Classes At AHS

Recently, the "Pied Potter Rick Hamelin," through a grant supplied by the Agawam Cultural Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council), demonstrated on his potter's wheel at Agawam High School in the pottery classes of Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal and Frances Messina.

Hamelin has a studio in Warren, Massachusetts. He is a maker of Early American redware and original pottery. In his demonstrations and workshops, he covers methods, history, and lore. His studio is nationally-recognized for its authentic, museum-quality reproductions of antique redware pottery and adaptations of this style.

His pottery is sold throughout the United States to museums, gift shops, and collectors. He is a 12-time recipient of *Early American Homes* magazine's award for authenticity and quality. In January 1999, his work was featured in *Country Living* magazine.

Hamelin has had recent exhibitions at the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and The Clay Studio in Philadelphia. He was a potter at Old Sturbridge Village for 10 years. His programs have been put on at libraries, schools, festivals, and senior centers. He has taught at museums and art centers in the state.

Hamelin custom-designs his programs. His wheel repertoire for the local students consisted of throwing a variety of teapots from various periods in history, creative figures, animal creatures, two-tone vases, and bowls. He told the students that the making (craftsmanship) of a product is most important or it won't sell. This included design and painting.

He further said this is only a small part of being a professional potter. The business end — selling, advertising, taking orders, billing, packing, sending, and bookkeeping — is more time-consuming.

He told the students to believe in themselves, be committed, and be a "little flaky." He felt learning creates ideas and a greater imagination. Failure exists only when one stops trying to better themselves.

Hamelin felt success was a constant evolution of education, practice, and persistence.

### Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 15th:** Pepperoni-topped cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and ranch dressing, chilled mixed fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday, May 16th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, chilled pears in syrup or orange blossom cake with icing, milk.

**Wednesday, May 17th:** Meatballs with tomato sauce, seasoned broccoli and macaroni blend, bread and butter, raspberry Jello with topping or fresh Mac apple, milk.

**Thursday, May 18th:** Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned potato wedges, pineapple tidbits or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Friday, May 19th:** Roast turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, dinner roll, steamed niblet corn, ice cream sundae cup, milk.

### Ag. High School Guidance Bulletin

College Acceptances: Congratulations!

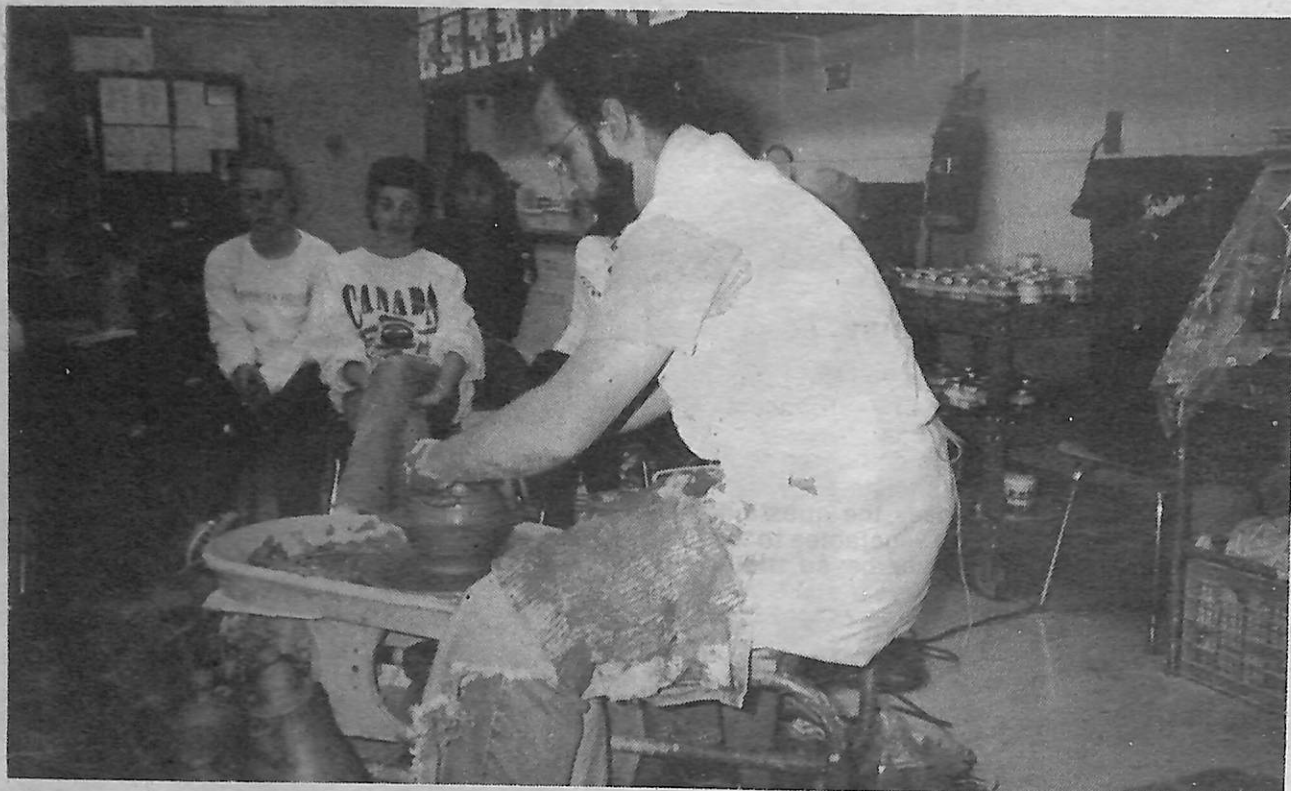
Matthew Gaffney: Westfield State College

Matthew Coughlin: Springfield Technical Community College

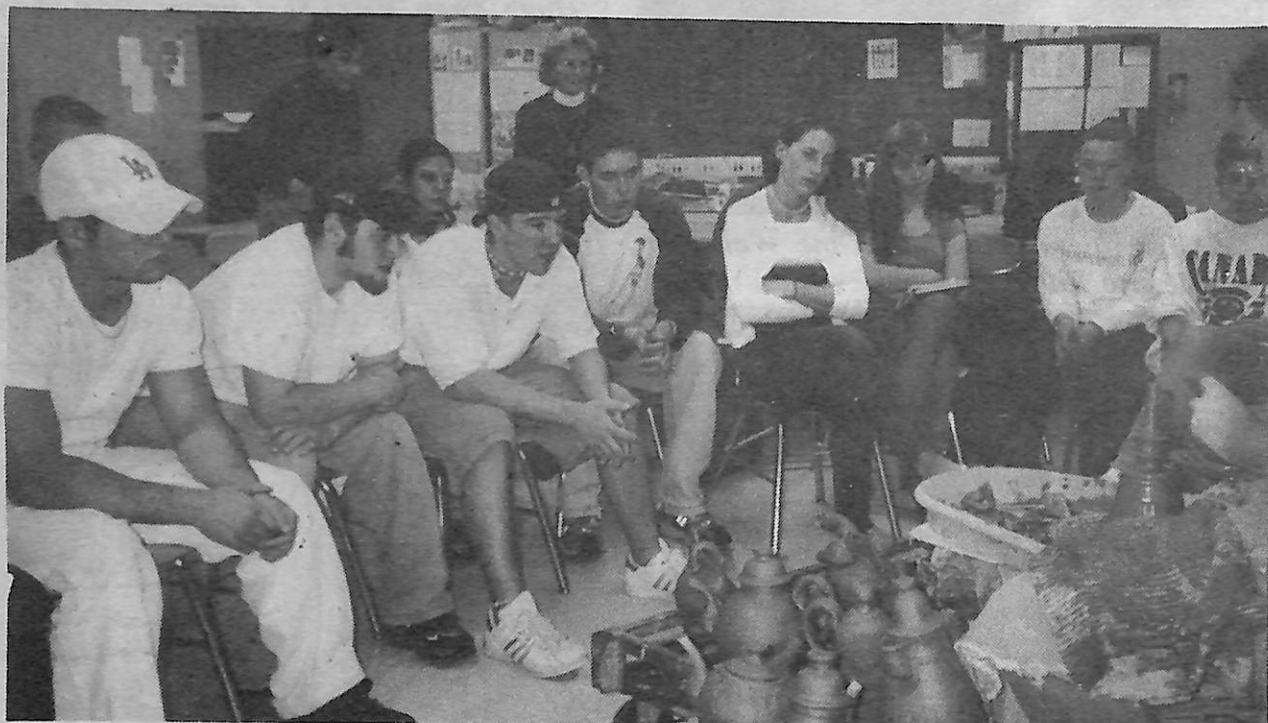
Justin Patterson: Southeastern University, Vanguard University

Tony Andruss: Holyoke Community College

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**DURING "PIED POTTER RICK HAMELIN'S"** recent visit to the sixth-period pottery class (pictured above and below) of Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal at Agawam High School, two members of the Agawam Cultural Council were also on hand to see Hamelin demonstrate his talent on the potter's wheel (photo below).



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*Acting Deputy Principal Marc Costanzi, Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, and Acting AHS Principal Paul Cavallo.*



*AHS faculty members Bryan Hollister and Becky Brown with Ann Paquette, Jen Lyman, Jen Burke, and Justin Gorman.*



*D.A.R.E. Officer Michael Santore, Mayor Richard Cohen, and D.A.R.E. Coordinator Karen Langevin.*



*Tim Lawrenchuk, Kelly Webb, Julie Lungarini, and Jay Moore.*



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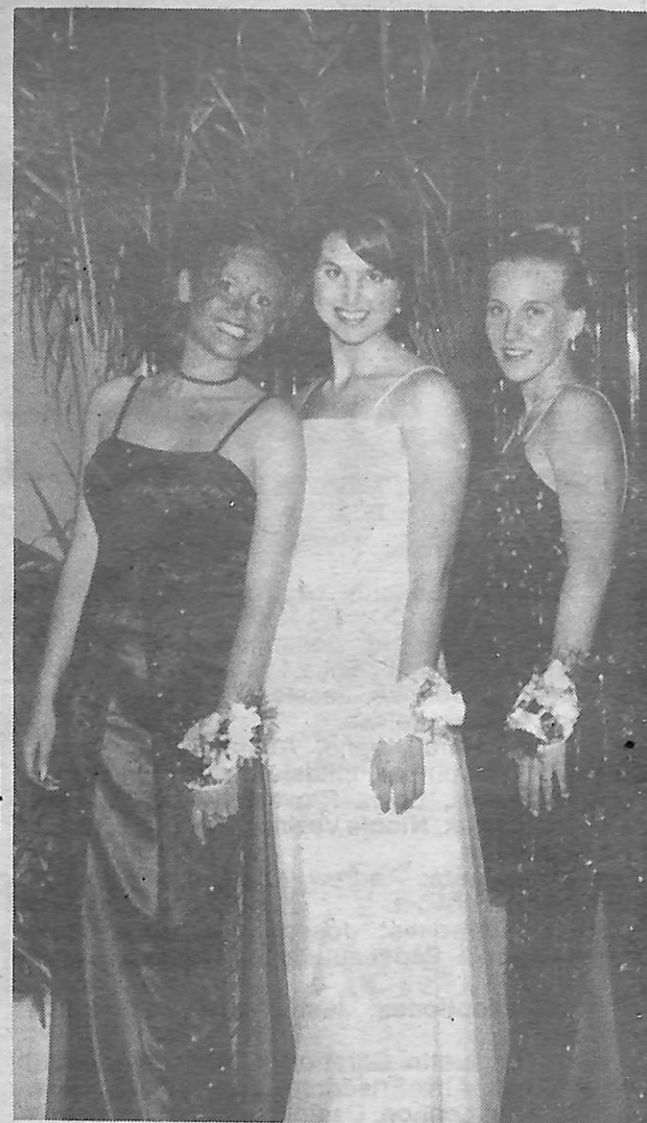
*Chris Costanzi, Acting Deputy Principal Marc Costanzi, Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, Joe Conte, Jr., Joan Cavallo, Acting AHS Principal Paul Cavallo, and Jack Dougherty (Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Program).*



*Back row: Nathan Adamski, Amy Bedner, Kathleen Baker (a secretary in the Superintendent of Schools' office), Mayor Richard Cohen, and School Committee member Susan Dawson. Front row: Joe DiVirgilio and Dom Montessi.*



*Fran Barrington, Amanda Cunningham, Laurie Sakowicz, and Kyle Turcotte.*



*Erin Lightcap, Jessica B'Shara, and Tammy Norton.*



*George Ruiz, Katie Pisano, William Rosa, and Bonnie Tanzer.*

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*All "Prom 2000" photos are by Kathy Shepard.*

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## Middle School Grade Six Band Wins Gold Medal

The Agawam Middle School Grade Six Band achieved a gold medal for its superior performance at the Great East Festival held on May 4th. This is the ninth year that the Middle School Band has received a gold medal (superior rating) out of the past 10 years of attending state and regional festivals.

The band performed three selections for adjudication: *Declaration and Dance*, *Tall Cedars March*, and *Chester Variations*. The judges commented favorably on the students' attention to tone, dynamics, and overall musicianship.

The Grade Six Band, under the direction of Middle School Band Director Ken Longstreeth, will conclude the year with a Spring Concert on Thursday, June 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

### AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE SIX BAND

Mr. Ken Longstreeth, Director

Piccolo: Morgan Leos.

Flutes: Emily Cassidy, Nicole Cristelli, Andrea Desrosiers, Alexis Dumas, Michelle Epaul, Tiara Ghedi, Sophie Gould, Johannah Kos, Morgan Leos, Amy Luginbuhl, Erica Lyman, Angela Mancini, Sarah O'Donnell, Jessica Thibodeau, Julie Warchol, Ashley Weisse.

Clarinets: Sara Keene, Andrew Kretschmar, Christine Kretschmar, Lindsie Lavin, Emil Nasti, Steven Pchelka, Laura Provost, Kevin Roberts, Ashley Szczebak, Nicole Vezina, Alexandra Watt, Allison Ziemba.

Bass Clarinets: Andrew Kretschmar, Lindsie Lavin, Laura Provost.

Alto Saxophones: Joseph Bushey, Nicole Frazier, Alison Pariseau, Joseph Reutt, Jason Wilson.

Tenor Saxophones: Justin Howe, Stephanie Midura.

Trumpets: Justin Chretien, Chantel Cuddemi, Steven Diduk, Alex Friedrich, Gregory Gay, Aaron Hibbert, John Lennon, Danielle McCaslin, Joseph McDyer, Luca Mineo, Daniel Nawson, Paige Roberts.

Trombones: Justin Belden, Michael Blanchard, Alicia Holl, Nicholas Savard, Jared Verelst.

Percussion: Thomas Barnes, Alexandra Bertagnoli, Joseph Greaney, Stephen O'Leary, Christopher Phillips, Shawn Santos.

## May 15th Meeting For Agawam Parent Advisory Council

Knowledge is power. Calling all school-age parents. On May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Agawam High School cafeteria, there will be a meeting regarding the organizing of the Agawam Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.).

What is a P.A.C.? A place for parents to gain support, knowledge, and understanding of the special education system for their children and themselves.

\* Please come! The meeting is open to the public.



**MARGO POULIN'S ADVANCED PLACEMENT English 11 classes will host a free presentation in the AHS auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 25th. Open to the public, the presentation will address such topics as teen pressure, hate crimes, and bigotry. Advertiser News**

photo by Kathy Shepard.

On May 25th At AHS Auditorium...

## Advanced Placement English Classes Invite Town To Free Presentation

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Students of English 11, Margo Poulin's Advanced Placement classes at Agawam High School, will put on a presentation on May 25th at the Agawam High School auditorium. Admission is free and the presentation will run from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Members of the School Council, the School Committee, the Town Council, other town officials, and the general public are invited. This project was the idea of Mrs. Poulin, who teaches both of the Advanced Placement English 11 courses, as a project in lieu of a final exam and a term paper. Co-leaders of the effort are students Adam Ellsworth and Mike Federico.

The presentation will include a video, a series of speeches, a power point, computer-generated slide show, and a newspaper. Each class chose a topic. One class chose teen pressure, and the other class elected to cover hate crimes and bigotry.

Student Lisa Bienia, a student from English 11, said, "We want to show adults in the town what pressure and hate there is in the growing-up process for present-day teens. It's not an easy fight."

Student Heather Crescentini told us, "We have to ignore people who make rude or mean comments. Even though one can pretend it doesn't hurt, it still does. This is a really good presentation to raise awareness about the problem. It's aimed for awareness from all age groups."

Adam Ellsworth agreed. "This has been a good experience because when a person enters the workforce, they have to work with other people. This project taught us teamwork."

Mike Federico expanded on the theme of the Advanced Placement project. "When we chose our topics, we wanted to integrate as much of school life and information on teens as we could. We put together a questionnaire, passed it to classes in the school, and had them filled out."

"One question asked, 'Do you think teachers discriminate?' There were 693 surveys - 507 answered that they did think teachers discriminated and 165 said they did not think so. Another 21 did not know."

The presentation promises to be interesting and is bound to stimulate conversation between people from many age groups.

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### From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

#### You've Been Dealt The Cards; Now Play Them Out

The other day, a young lady came into my office. With head hanging low, she shut the door, pulled up a chair, and without looking up, burst into tears. It didn't take a rocket scientist to realize that this gal was in pain. Gently I asked her to look up and when our eyes met, I reached out to her by asking, "Is there something you would like to share?"

She took some deep breaths, the crying started to subside, and then in a muffled voice, she responded, "I don't know if I can, but I'll try."

I sat there with my body and mouth still, giving her space to work things out in her mind and begin the difficult, but necessary, process of sharing. Slowly, the story began to emit from her lips and it was a difficult one to hear.

Sara's mom had died two years ago. Her father had predeceased the mother, so there Sara was, all alone, an orphan at a young and vulnerable age. What would she do? Where would she go? Her aunt, who was her mother's sister, decided to open her home to Sara. But it was difficult with her aunt and uncle. They had children of their own, finances were not plentiful, and now there was an extra mouth to feed.

Sara was treated nicely, but had no one with whom she could open up and share her feelings. She was recognized, but not made to feel welcome. To Sara, it seemed her aunt clearly blamed Sara's mother for dying and voiced her bitterness. After all, if her sister had lived, the aunt would not have had this additional burden to bear.

"Have you talked to your aunt, Sara, and let her know how you are feeling?" I asked. "She's too difficult to talk to," Sara responded, "and she's busy all the time and seems to always get so angry at me. It's better if I just stay out of her way!"

From further conversation, it was apparent that the aunt was not about to quickly change. So that really left just one person to do the changing. "Sara," I asked, "Do you ever play cards?" She smiled affirmatively. "Well, then," I continued, "you know that you have to learn to play out the hand you've been dealt. No matter how hard you stare at the cards, you will not be able to change them. You may rearrange them so you will be able to look at your cards differently and then you will just have to play them out."

I continued by telling her that her life was like that now. Try as she might, her home life was not going to change. Her parents were gone. She would continue to live with her aunt and uncle and cousins. Now it was up to her to change her attitude and to make the best of what she had been dealt. By re-examining her current household environment, she might be better able to see more clearly why her aunt was acting the way she was.

I tried a little play-acting with her by my taking on the role of Aunt. Through some interchanges, it became clear that Sara had not shared much with her aunt; in fact, she had put off her aunt as much as she, Sara, had felt put off. Interesting. By isolating herself, Sara had managed to construct a wall that her aunt had found hard to penetrate. So, her aunt had decided to keep her distance. Actually, I think the aunt probably felt hurt. After all, she was receiving no warmth from this girl she had chosen to take in.

Sara pondered my analysis of the situation and felt that it did have some merit. She realized that she was the one who had to do the changing. Yes, she would look at the cards she had been dealt, rearrange them so that she could view them differently, and then proceed to play them out.

### Can & Bottle Drive By Cadette Troop 549 And Junior Troop 558

On Saturday, May 13th, Cadette Troop 549 and Junior Troop 558 will be holding a can and bottle drive at Dave's Pet Food City, Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The money made from this drive will be put back into one of the town's local parks as the Troops' service project.

Please save your can tabs and bring them, too, and help save a life.

The girls thank you for your support.

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THOMAS RICARDI of the Massachusetts Birds of Prey Rehab Facility holds a bald eagle with a seven-foot wingspan. Looking on are Granger first-graders Sean Alessandri, Julia Lloyd, Alyssa Santiago, and Kyle Szatrowski. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Granger First-Graders Are Visited By Some "Feathered" Friends

The Granger School first-graders in Ms. Liptak's and Mrs. Carra's classes recently enjoyed a special "Birds of Prey" program.

The program was conducted by Thomas Ricardi from the Massachusetts Birds of Prey Rehab. Facility in Conway, MA.

Mr. Ricardi explained to the children that the birds in his facility are not pets, but were injured and cannot be released to the wild.

The birds which he brought to show included a screech owl; a 30-year-old, re-tailed hawk (the largest in our area); a kestrel falcon; a saw-whet

owl (the smallest in New England); a barn owl (also known as the monkey-faced owl); and a bald eagle, who builds the largest nest of the birds of prey.

The bald eagle, which seemed to be the favorite of the children, was 34 inches tall, 14 pounds, and had a wing span of seven feet.

In addition to seeing the birds, the children also saw different types of feathers, eggs, and pellets.

The children were very excited to get such a close-up view of the birds.

## Two Retiring Middle School Teachers To Be Honored At Party

A retirement party for Agawam Middle School teachers Nancy Hellquist and Evelyn Lester will be held on Wednesday, June 14th, in the Carriage House at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

A social hour (cash bar) will begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:00. Cost is \$30 per person, dinner and gifts included. Choices of entree include baked Boston scrod, boneless breast of chicken, or roast sirloin of beef.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, May 30th. Please send your check (with your dinner selection written on it) to Gloria LaRiviere, Secretary, Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

## Retirement Party For AHS Teachers Slated For Thursday, June 8th

A Retirement Party for Ed Merrill, Bev Pasternak, Gerry Smith, and Rosemary Stratton will be held on Thursday, June 8th at Chez Josef.

A Social Hour will be held at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00. Tickets are \$35 each. The price includes gifts and dinner choice.

Tickets may be purchased from Al Baggetta, Pat Bertone-Gross, Arlene Mazza, Wayne Morse, and Jim White.

Contact Arlene Mazza at Agawam High School for further information. Reservations must be made by May 26th.

IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT: The AAN's annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd.

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## Sports

Boys' Lacrosse vs. West Spfld...

# AHS Hounds The Terriers, 4-3, In Tense Competition

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Okay, let's trot out the old cliches to describe Tuesday afternoon's Agawam High/West Springfield High boys' lacrosse game up at Harmon Smith Field.

They came to play. The weather was hotter than Madonna in concert. It was a shame someone had to lose. We could come up with a lot more. But we'll spare you. Suffice to say, Agawam beat its ancient and archrival, 4-3. But it took four regular periods and four overtime periods to do it.

West Side came in at 1-6 overall and 1-4 in the Valley Wheel. The Brownies, who have been steadily improving since becoming a varsity sport several years ago, were 7-3 and 5-0 in the Wheel. So, it would seem Agawam, with the home field advantage, had the definite edge.

However, when these two schools meet, whatever the sports, it's more like a battle between a cobra and a mongoose.

### Two-Hour-Plus Battle...

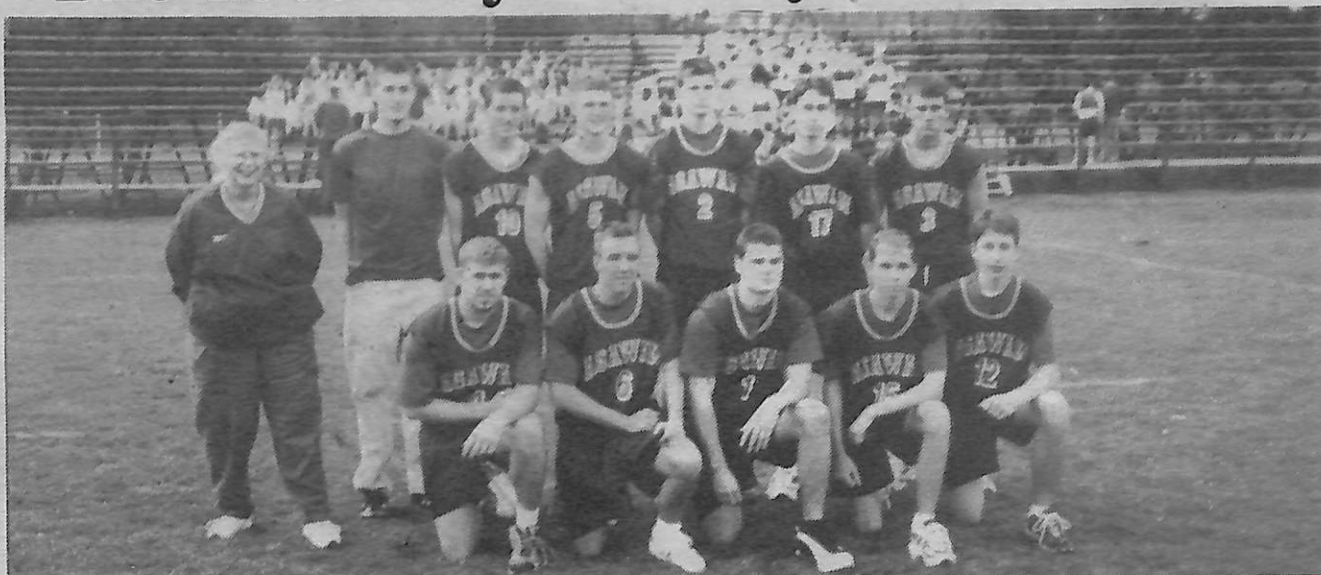
On this 94-degree afternoon, when even breathing could make you sweat, the kids didn't seem to notice as they labored in this two-hour-plus battle. The hitting was ferocious from the start. West Springfield, off a midfield rush into the Brownies' crease, scored first with just 55 seconds gone.

West Side was the more aggressive team in the early going. And they were marking well, which kept the Brownies' offense off balance. This was, indeed, a day for the defenses, however. With 4:40 gone, Kevin Grealis, Bryan Lavin, and Brian Gilhooly fought off a furious West Side rush.

West Side goalie Kevin Atkin, who would have 25 saves on the afternoon, returned the favor 30 seconds later, stopping an Evans effort from the left point. Atkin then robbed Brian McGuire a minute later. The force-counter force game continued for the balance of the first 12 minutes, ending with West Side ahead, 1-0.

Agawam tied it up at 22 seconds into the second period. Sophomore John Sikes, off a lead pass from Jim Evans, rushed the middle and launched from 20 feet out, beating Atkins on a bounce shot. Evans got the assist. He would have two on the afternoon and also the biggest score of the day later on.

## The 2000 Boys' Volleyball Team...



**STANDING:** Coach Pat Demers, Matt Taylor, Matt Gaffney, Victor Romano, Brad Theriaque, Jeff Maynard, and Michael Thomas. **KNEELING:** Ken Shaw, Eric Hoague, Brian Forsman, Adam Howe, and Joe Maynard. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Agawam goalie John DeCaro (19 saves), enjoying an excellent game, made a good stick stop 3½ minutes in. Matt Poirier had an open corner from 25 feet out in the right box and just missed right at the 6:10 mark. The physical aspect of this game was continually escalating. If you closed your eyes for a few seconds, you'd have thought a football game was in progress. It was a credit to the officials that they realized, while it was rough, the play was clean and few calls were made in that department.

The Brownies had a man advantage on a Terrier technical foul with 20 seconds left in the half, but couldn't capitalize. And the teams headed for any shade they could find tied at one.

### Locals Go On The Attack

Agawam, led by junior Mike Tercyak, attacked big-time to start the third period. But the Terriers' defense repulsed the rush and launched a counterattack of their own. Things ebbed and flowed. The Agawam 'D,' partly on the efforts of Grealis, Evans, Joe Lancour, and another tough save by DeCaro, managed to get the ball back to the offense with three minutes to play. Then, the locals cashed in.

At the 9:37 mark, Mike DeCaro took a flip pass from Evans and scored from 20 feet out on the right point, making it 2-1, Brownies.

The Terriers were not impressed. A little more than a minute later, they tied it at two. That's how the third period ended.

The Terriers went up, 3-2, with a score 1:18 into

the fourth. Agawam came back to tie it again when Vin Tirone scored unassisted at the 2:56 mark. Despite the six total goals, defense still dominated in this one.

They went into the first three-minute overtime. West Side seemed to have a slight offensive edge. But the Brownies' defense, led by stalwarts Grealis, Gilhooly, Lancour, and another good save from DeCaro, got them into overtime number two.

In that one, the Brownies managed to generate some offense of their own, led by Evans, Tercyak, and Mike DeCaro. They had some good opportunities with 1:50 to play. However, the Terrier defenders would have none of it.

The two teams went into overtime number three. Neither could domuch, which brought up the deciding three minutes. The pace had slowed a bit, simply because both teams, dog-tired in the heat, were running on adrenaline and guts. Agawam's opportunity reared its head with 1:02 to go. Evans took a pass from Tony Ruscio and bulldogged his way into the crease. The junior would not be denied and flipped it past Atkins for the game-winner.

Agawam Coach Nick St. George looked at the overall tone of the game and had this to say: "I think our defense is a little more seasoned than theirs and that made a difference. Also, Brandon Blackack won three of the four overtime face-offs, including the fourth one. That put pressure on them, for sure," he smiled.

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Girls' Track At Longmeadow...

## Lancers Remain Unbeaten With Win Over AHS

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High assistant varsity girls' track Coach Dan Pryce and head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had some high praise for the Longmeadow High girls' team, which had just beaten the Brownies, 110-35, on Tuesday afternoon at hot and steamy Longmeadow High School. "Longmeadow is the best dual meet team I've ever seen in my entire career," added Pryce.

You'd have to think so. The unbeaten Lancers (7-0), running on their brand-new track and field complex, took 14 of 17 events — and were knee-deep in depth in most of the events — on the way to their win over a good Agawam (5-2) team.

The Brownies had a first in the high jump, with star senior Kerry McGeoghan back after an injury; she managed five feet. "Kerry sets very high goals for herself. She practiced at 4'10" the previous day, got in five jumps, and felt she could go 5'2" against Longmeadow," Pryce noted.

Junior Laura Bucalo had a shot put of 31½'. So, the junior newcomer seems back on track after some under-30-foot efforts this past week.

And junior Amy Jensen, with a time of 6.02, took the mile. Other than that, the Brownies were mostly out of the points.

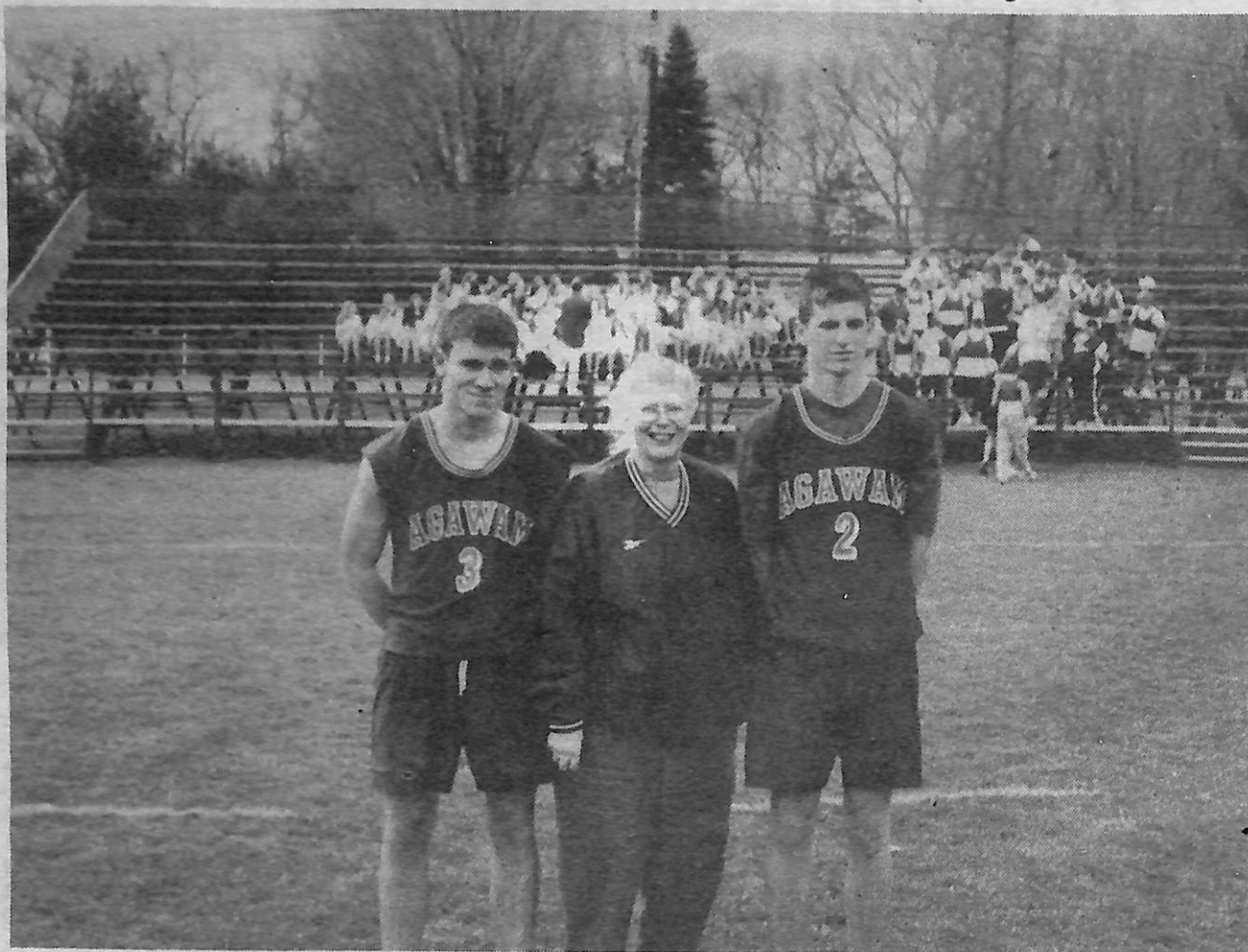
### The Post-Season...

Some kids did well enough to make some aspect of the post-season. Sophomore Kelly Cassidy's 15'4" long jump got her into Western Mass. McGeoghan had a triple jump of 34'4", which saw her finish fourth. It also got her into Western Mass., even though she's already in the tournament because of her high jumping ability. Once again, Pryce noted that McGeoghan was optimistic about that event. "Kerry felt she could hit 35 feet," Pryce said.

Senior Elena Cattoni made the individuals in the high jump with a third-place, 4'6" effort.

Other Brownies who got some points included freshman Jess Hudson. She took a third in the two-mile with a time of 14:40. Sophomore Anna Ferrentino's 76'5" in the disc (third) was a good

## Leaders Of AHS Boys' Volleyball...



COACH PAT DEMERS (center) with the co-captains of this year's boys' volleyball team at Agawam High School — Michael Thomas and Brad Theriaque. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

throw for her. Bianca Chase took a third in both the shot (29'11") and the javelin (71').

Junior Valerie Siedlik took second in the 400 at 1:07, while her sister, Allison, was nipped for third and placed fourth. Freshman Danielle Cirillo placed third in the 200 at 28:65. Freshman Angela Buendo placed third in the 100, while fellow frosh Andrea Babbini was fourth.

Freshman Jodie Pfau was third in the 800 at 2:36. Another freshman, Kaitlin Sardella, was fourth with a time of 2:40. And in the pole vault,

Ashlee Lorraine came in second at 7'6". The winner was the Lancers' senior star, Laura Risi, who soared to 11'.

Pryce noted that while Longmeadow is a power this year, they may not be quite a formidable force next season. "They will lose a lot of seniors, about 55 points' worth." Right now, however, they are the favorites in the Western Mass. Tournament. Cathedral should be number two and Agawam third, according to the coach.

Both of the Brownies' relay teams lost as well.

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## Agawam Trounces Comp, 18-1, In Varsity Baseball

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

A truck rolled through Harmon Smith Field on a steamy early May afternoon on Monday. The plate read Agawam baseball. It left the Chicopee Comp Colts far behind, to the tune of 18-1.

Now, Comp is a quality team (last year's Valley League co-champions, along with Agawam). But there are just some days when you should pull the covers over your eyes and go back to sleep.

The Brownies had senior Brian St. Jean on the hill. As usual, the scouts were there (about 10 of them with their jugs guns). It was definitely showtime. He tossed a one-hitter, dusted nine, and walked two. The lone Colt run was unearned.

AHS Coach Peter Clark pulled St. Jean to start the seventh to save his arm. Much as he has done all year long, St. Jean was bringing a bunch of his pitches in the low 90's.

"We didn't really think he had his best stuff when he started out. But as the game went along, he just got stronger," assistant Coach Brian Rheault said.

### Great Offensive Help

St. Jean got enough offensive help in this one to last him a couple games. Start with 21 Brownie hits. Actually, Agawam only led 7-1 after four. Now, a team like Comp could have conceivably staged some sort of comeback. But any thoughts of such a situation were overwhelmed in the sixth when the Brownie bats beat Comp like a drum to the tune of 11 runs after 16 hitters stalked to the dish.

It was over. And the Agawam offensive numbers looked good. St. Jean went 3-4, including a home run, a triple, and a single. He knocked in four runs. Junior Tony LeClair raised his average close to the .300 mark with a 3-5 performance, which included three RBIs. Aaron Gilbert had three singles in five trips and an RBI. Third baseman Derek Mercadante had three hits as well. Only three Agawam players on their healthy roster failed to get a hit.

Agawam now stands at 8-5 and 1-0 in the Valley League. Comp is 9-3, 1-1.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** With the scouts starting to show up en masse to check out St. Jean, it brings up an interesting situation. About this time of year, the Major Leagues are starting to formulate a draft list. St. Jean is headed to the University of Tennessee on a full-boat baseball scholarship. If the guys with the guns are impressed by what they see, he may also get a favorable spot in the draft. That means it's maybe no longer a full-boat, but potential big bucks. We have heard that if you are drafted by the Majors and have given up your college plans, they'll pay your way back to school if you don't make the team. That sounds like a win-win situation.

### Profile...

## Mike Krapf — A "Definite Asset" To The Boys' Tennis Team At AHS

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Mike Krapf has been a mainstay of Agawam High boys' tennis for the past three years. Recently, the senior took some time to talk about his days as a Brownie.

Mike turned 18 on April 20th. He stands six feet tall and weighs in at 180 pounds.

Mike has spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS. Currently he is taking English 12, honors jazz band, a regular music course, entrepreneurship, multi-media I, play production, and yearbook (photographer). He was also the drum major for the marching band the past two years and is a member of the Renaissance Club. Mike is captain of the tennis team.

He has two top teachers, David Pulaski (yearbook—geometry) and Tammy Watson (band—play production).

Mike plans to attend Springfield Technical Community College next fall with a major in multi-media.

Tennis is his sport. His most memorable moment was last season when he and his doubles partner almost beat powerful Holyoke. His take on the Brownies this year, which are still looking for their first win, goes like this: "We could be playing better. We have some good players, but there are also some very tough local teams we have to play."

Fettucini alfredo is his favorite dish.

Red is his color of choice.

If Mike could pull into the Brownie parking lot in any car, he says it would be a Dodge Viper RT-10. Former Boston Bruin Ray Bourque is his top jock.

Mad Maggies in Tower Square is his favorite place to hang out.

His choice in clothes runs to the casual - jeans and t-shirts.

Mike enjoys alternative music. The "Stone Temple Pilots" are his top group.

"Becker" tops the tube for him. "Air Force One" is his favorite flick.

Bonnie is his mom. Bruce is his dad. He has an older brother, Geoff (20), a graduate of AHS. He also has two sisters, Sue (12) and Kim (10).

He looks up to Tammy Watson, his band and multi-media teacher.



MIKE KRAPF

When he graduates, Mike hopes people will remember him as a nice guy who did his work and was a decent kid.

Tennis Coach Bill Spear had this to say about this week's featured athlete: "Mike works hard and is a definite asset to the team. It was fun to watch him progress over the three years he has been with us."

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## Softball vs. Cathedral...

## Brownies Come Out On Top Over Panthers, 2-1

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

While the boys were bombing Chicopee Comp, just down a way at the Harmon Smith softball field, the girls were locked up in a tense tussle against Cathedral. Agawam prevailed, 2-1, thus atoning its 5-4 loss last week at the Panthers' place.

Brownie Coach Deb Lickley, who once again sees her team in the playoffs (at this writing, they are 10-2, 1-1 in Valley League and tournament-bound for the 10th time in 11 years), was pleased (all around) with this one. "The kids did the little things that aren't necessarily that obvious to a lot of people," she said.

Indeed, they only managed two hits against Cathedral ace Kristi Guzzo. But it's called manufacturing runs - something Lickley drills her charges on constantly. Agawam's scores came in the second and the fifth. Cathedral got its singleton in the fourth.

### Another Good Outing For Ludwig

Sophomore Kate Ludwig had another good outing for the hosts. She went the distance, striking out six and walking four. The run she gave up was unearned. Agawam's second run, which proved to be the game-winner, was also unearned when junior Cate Conte scored on a two-base error. Senior Jen Lyman had the other Brownie hit.

It is also no coincidence that the two most recent AHS victories (a nail-biter over at Westfield last Friday) can be attributed to Ludwig climbing to the next level against a high-quality opponent.

Cathedral had three errors in the game, Agawam only one. "In something as close as it was, too many errors can only hurt you," Lickley noted.

## Girls' Varsity Tennis...

## AHS Defeats Chicopee High, 4-1, Then Falls To Central High, 1-4

In recent girls' varsity tennis action, the Brownies did a fine job to defeat Chicopee High, 4-1, on April 28th.

In first singles, Kaitlin White of AHS had no problem with her opponent, Justyna Nocon, 6-4, 6-2. There were some great rallies, but there was no question as to the outcome of this contest.

Liz Stieg, in the second singles slot, continued the Brownies' winning ways with her 6-2, 6-2 victory over Molly Trevathan. Stieg was in control, and since she was ahead for the entire match, she experimented with different shots.

Kelly Webb was the victor in her third singles contest versus Chicopee's Ana Marafuga, 6-2, 6-4. Webb played well and let up a bit near the end of the match.

In first doubles, Agawam's tandem of Jen Leupo/Julia Spear fell to Amanda Dejorjy/Ana Laskowska, 6-7 (6-8), 3-6.

According to AHS Coach Mary Wolochowicz, "Jen and Julia did not have the experience of this Chicopee team. They worked hard to keep the game close, but just did not have the practice together."

Brittany Shields and Kristen Berry, competing from the second doubles position, faced the duo of Annie Rzanicki/Margie Rivera, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. The Brownies did an amazing job of coming back from the second-set loss. They played two separate matches, and the first and third sets were entirely different from the second.

On May 1st, the Agawam girls lost to the Central High team, 1-4.

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In first singles, the Brownies' Kaitlin White fell to Julie Pleet, 4-6, 4-6. In the blustery wind, this match did not have the interest it would have had otherwise. Both girls moved well and had good ground strokes, but White's Central opponent was the best in the wind on this day.

Liz Stieg, in second singles action, faced Molly Clark, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. Stieg was behind in the first set until she finally figured out the wind. She then made an outstanding comeback to give AHS its only point of the match.

Kelly Webb experienced defeat at the hands of Erika Arrastia, 4-6, 2-6, in third singles. Webb became frustrated in the wind, so the Central player was able to control her shots and win the match.

In first doubles, Jen Leupo/Julia Spear lost to Julia Vasilionok/Salwa Abdoo, 0-6, 2-6. The Agawam duo could not get the knack of playing in such a strong wind, nor did they have the experience to change the pace of their shots enough to win this match.

From the beginning of the second doubles contest, Central controlled the court, as the short winning streak of Brittany Shields/Kristen Berry came to an end courtesy of Liz Ouimelk/Kate Robbins, 1-6, 2-6.

After this day of competition was over, Coach Wolochowicz remarked, "This was, hopefully, the last of three matches that we had to play without our full group of starters. A number of our doubles players were away on the band trip; however, the kids that filled in for them won two out of three matches, which was better than anticipated."

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*Boys' Track & Field vs. Longmeadow...*

## Lancers Prove Their Dominance With Decisive Victory Over AHS

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

That the Longmeadow High boys' track team is arguably the best in Western Mass. was never a question when Agawam High traveled to Lancers' land for a meet Monday afternoon. Indeed, the Lancers won every event on their way to a 122½-23½ victory.

"Yeah, they are very powerful. They have the numbers. One kids can have a bad day for them, or someone can go down with an injury and someone will step in and do just as well," Brownie Coach Bill Dillon noted. "We were looking for some personal bests in this one and maybe another Western Mass. qualifier," he added.

Some AHS kids did well. Chris Tedone, with a second in the 400 in a time of 50.1, made the tournament. Some kids had personal best numbers. Steve Messina had an 18'6½" long jump and qualified for the individuals. Ian Hogan had a personal best 18.1 in the high hurdles (third). Tony

Goodrow took a third in the mile at 5:10, which placed him third. Rich Gardner, a sophomore, broke through with a 2:19 in the 800 meters and a third place finish. Messina was third in the 200 at 24.6. Barry Ward also ran a 24.6 in that event, but grabbed fourth. Ward also showed well with a third in the 100 at 11.9.

Two events showed just how dominant Longmeadow can be. In the discus, Justin Mercier managed a throw of 120'1". The winner, Longmeadow senior Joe Mujalli, spun it out 145'10". Mujalli has thrown 150'1" this year.

The pole vault was also an eye-opener. Sophomore Brian Michael had one of his best efforts of the year (10') and didn't even place because all the Lancers were above that height.

Agawam fell to 3-4. Longmeadow rose to 8-0.

## Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Eric Nelson, PGA  
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Jim Modzelesky, Director of Golf at Oak Ridge, and I will be on hand for this PGA/"Golf Digest"-sponsored event.

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## SHAA Softball Standings (For Week Ending 5/7)

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Alvin's/Navy	2	1
Sand Trap/Orange	0	3
Fitness First/Maroon	0	2
10-12 TEAMS	W	L
Jabco Landscaping/Green	4	0
River Auto/Maroon	2	1
Travel Connection/Red	2	0
Tolli's Pizza/Navy	0	2
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## Agawam Little League Minor League Standings (As Of May 7th)

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L
Fitness First Indians	2	0
B & D Petroleum Red Sox	2	0
Coldwell Banker Royals	1	1
Geissler's Supermarket Orioles	0	2
Allen Lawnmower Yankees	0	2
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L
Luigi's Pizza Braves	2	0
Responsive Trucking Giants	2	0
CRW Landscapers Inc. Cubs	1	1
Breakers Billiards Dodgers	0	2
Eastern Electronics & Security Mets	0	2

## Agawam Little League Major League Standings (As Of May 7th)

TEAMS	W	L
Service Matters Dodgers	2	0
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	2	0
McNair Business Machine Mets	1	0
Six Flags New England Orioles	1	1
Bridgeport National Bindery Royals	1	1
Teddy Bear Pools & Spas Yankees	0	1
Berkshire Power Indians	0	2
Cambridge Credit Counseling Red Sox	0	2

## Softball Clinic Slated For Saturday, May 20th, At Agawam High

Due to inclement weather on Saturday, April 29th, the Agawam Softball Clinic has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 20th, at Agawam High School.

The fee is \$12, and the clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The "clinicians" will be the present members of the Agawam High School softball team, as well as AHS varsity softball head Coach Debbie Lickley.

Coaches will be available to attend the players' clinic at various times throughout the morning. Participants should bring a glove, sweats, and indoor/outdoor footwear. (No metal cleats, please!) The schedule of events for the clinic goes as follows:

\* Registration: 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., Agawam High School (fields two and three).

\* Welcome: 9:00 to 9:15 a.m., Agawam High School.

\* Warm-up and conditioning: 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.

\* Everyone — position session, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (pitchers, catchers, infielders, outfielders); group skills, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (hitting, bunting, fielding, catching, throwing).

\* Situation play and game play for everyone, 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

\* Final warm-up, 12:00 noon.

For further information, please call Dan Sullivan, 786-6265.

## Agawam Babe Ruth Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Berkshire Power Padres	2	0
AIC Red Sox	2	0
Bridgeport Bindery Yankees	2	1
Carlson GMAC Rockies	1	1
Bill Walsh Royals	0	2
Fran's Restaurant Indians	0	3

## At Men's Competition In Texas...

## Jamey Houle Of Daggett's Is Nat'l Gymnastics Champ

Jamey Houle of Longmeadow has reclaimed the title of Men's Junior Olympic National Champion at this past weekend's meet in Austin, Texas. Houle took firsts in three separate events of the Class I Final Competition on Saturday, May 6th.

For these firsts, his best score was a 9.65 on Pommel Horse, followed by a 9.55 on High Bar and a 9.2 on Parallel Bars. He also scored a 9.425 on Floor, which helped bring his All-Around score up to 55.575 to take the title. Houle is a senior at Longmeadow High and trains at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics in Agawam. He will attend Ohio State University in the fall.

Patrick McFarlin, also a Longmeadow senior and teammate at Daggett's, fared well, capturing sixth place in Class I. McFarlin took third on Parallel Bars with a 9.15; fourth on Vault with a 9.325; and scored 9.55 on both Pommel Horse and Floor for fifth and sixth, respectively. Together with Rings and High Bar, his All-Around score totaled 54.525. McFarlin will compete for UMass next season.

In the Class II Finals, two other Daggett's athletes did well. Alan Parsons of Suffield, Connecticut, scored an 8.40 on High Bar for eighth place, and 8.2 on Rings for 12th. His total 49.40 put him in 14th in the All-Around.

R.J. Heflin of Norfolk had two outstanding events, taking second on Pommel Horse with a 9.15 and a fifth on Floor with a 9.1. In All-Around, his total came to 49.275, just behind Parsons.

On Friday, May 5th, in Class 3 competition, two other local team athletes had their first chance to compete in a National Meet.

Michael Morin of Ellington, Connecticut, scored a 47.25 in the All-Around, and Mark Parych of Springfield scored 44.65.

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## Outdoors New England

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### The Shad Are In The River And Hitting!

Fluctuating river levels have discouraged many river fishermen, but the Atlantic shad have started their spring run up the Connecticut River and its tributaries. The larger female or roe shad have not arrived in numbers, but the smaller buck shad are available as of this writing.

The Connecticut River and its tributaries are host to the largest spawning run in the East. The current and former world-record shad were caught right in our own back yard.

In the ocean, they feed on miniature plankton and other very small foods. Once these hard-fighting fish enter the rivers and streams in search of their ancestral spawning grounds, they do not eat. This is nature's way of insuring that they do not feed on their own eggs or newly-hatched young.

The key to success is in determining the proper size shad dart that's needed to overcome the deeper and faster-moving water. Depth control and light conditions are the most important considerations in lure selection. Fish do not see colors the way that we do. To them, the world probably appears similar to watching black-and-white television.

Colors will appear as different shades of gray, depending on how much light penetrates the water. Sometimes a darkening sky or passing cloud cover will change the colors that are more visible to the fish. Anglers fishing classic red and white darts may be having a field day, where changing light conditions shut off the action, and the only people catching fish are those who are fishing green and chartreuse. The point of all this? Bring along a healthy supply of darts in different weights and color combinations.

In their single-minded quest to fulfill nature's strongest urge, they will strike out or slash at anything that gets in their way, including such things as shad darts and willow leaf lures.

The shad dart is a lead-bodied jig with a hair tail. They come in a variety of color combinations and weights. Effective depth control and the right color combinations are essential to successfully connecting with these sleek, powerful fish.

The dart is cast across the current or at a slight angle downstream. By keeping the rod tip high and slowly reeling, the dart should be allowed to sweep downstream a couple of feet off the bottom.

Encountering an intruder in their path, the shad will often hook themselves on the dart and the hit is hard and positive. Sometimes, however, they will barely tap the dart, and the angler will not

even be aware that his dart has been hit.

Keeping a taught line and paying attention to the feel of the current against your line, can alert you to even the softest of hits.

When the fish are not in an actively aggressive mood, it is possible to have a fish approach your offering, mouth it, and spit it out, defying your detection. The current exerts a drag on your dart and a slight pressure is exerted on your rod; be acutely aware of that constant level of pressure that you feel.

When you do not feel that pressure, or any momentary lack of resistance, set the hook with a sweep of the rod. A fish that is swimming upstream, who simply mouths the dart, may not give the classic tug. Instead, you may simply not feel the resistance of the dart against the current.

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Kurt at Saunders Boat Livery at Congamond Lakes reports that due to the fluctuating weather conditions, fishing action has slowed, but only for a short while. The trout that are taken have largely been caught by bait fishermen, although some of the early-morning trollers have scored on a few fish.

Once weather conditions stabilize, the fishing action should pick up. The high-water conditions in area streams have prevented the instant harvest of freshly stocked trout, insuring some quality angling opportunities for the future weeks.

Lake Ontario fishing has suffered from the same weather fluctuations as the rest of the Northeast. Hopefully, the coming weeks will see better action.

Hudson River striped bass fishing is getting hot. Despite murky waters from heavy rains, some nice fish have been landed. Live herring have accounted for the lion's share of the striper action. The next few weeks should see the peak of the striper run.

Connecticut River shad fishing is building to a peak that will occur in two to three weeks. The river and its tributaries, such as the Chicopee and Agawam Rivers, will hold sizable populations. Once the water levels recede to near-normal spring conditions, the action should be hot and heavy.

### SALT WATER

Party boats and six-man charters have been taking some nice cod. Cod are being taken on off-shore areas; however, inshore populations of cod are becoming more difficult to find. Last week's banner cod fishing slowed this week, as the fish moved off to deeper waters.

Coastal striper fishing will get better as the water warms. Some stripers continue to be caught near the mouth of major rivers. The Thames River continues to provide action on schoolie stripers. Reports of larger fish have started to filter in, and the fishing should start to improve.

Flounder fishing in bays and river mouths has been spotty. Things should improve as the weather becomes more stable.

### Representing Daggett's Gymnastics...

## Twins Earn Gold & Bronze In Women's Level 6 State Meet

Danielle and Christie Lee of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, representing Daggett's Gymnastics in Agawam, took first and third placement, respectively, in the 12-13 year-old age group at the Level 6 Gymnastics State Meet on Sunday, May 7th.

Danielle won individuals firsts on Beam, with a 9.0, and Vault, with a 9.5. She also scored a 9.15 on Floor, helping her 35.8 All-Around score for the Championship.

Her twin, Christie, meanwhile captured the first on Floor with a 9.50 and fourth on Bars, scoring 8.70. Her 35.6 All-Around total landed her in third.

Four other Daggett's girls competed in the 10-11 year-old age group.

Jamie Basilone of West Springfield led the group with an individual first on Vault, scoring 9.55; a fifth on Floor, with a 9.325; and a fourth on Bars, for a total 36.4 and second place in the All-Around.

Mia Saimeri of East Longmeadow had the next best All-Around total with a 35.4, taking ninth place. Her best events were Vault, scoring a 9.25; Bars with an 8.825; and Beam with an 8.85 fifth place.

Kimberly Denue of East Windsor, Connecticut, had a terrific Beam routine, taking first with a 9.10 score.

Caitlin Ranstrom of Feeding Hills showed superb vaulting, earning a 9.40 score.

On Thursday, May 25th...

## Final Sign-Up For Youth Football's Fall 2000 Season

On Thursday, May 25th, Agawam youth football will be holding its final sign-up for the fall 2000 season. Sign-ups will be at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria between the hours of 6:00-8:00 p.m.

You must be in grades three through six to be eligible to play. All new players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate to play.

The registration fee is \$75. If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact either Coach Kirk Parker at 786-6604 or Dan Mackin at 786-8559.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

## Sports Nutrition Seminar In AHS Cafeteria On May 17th

The Center for Nutrition in Sport and Human Performance at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is conducting a project titled "Teaming Up For Peak Performance: Athletes Win With Sports Nutrition" for high school students at Agawam High School.

It will also be offering a one-time seminar on sports nutrition, "Eating To Fuel Your Active Lifestyle," at the Agawam High School cafeteria on May 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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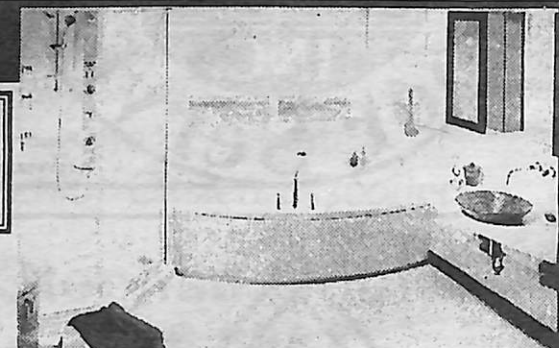
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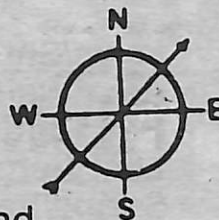
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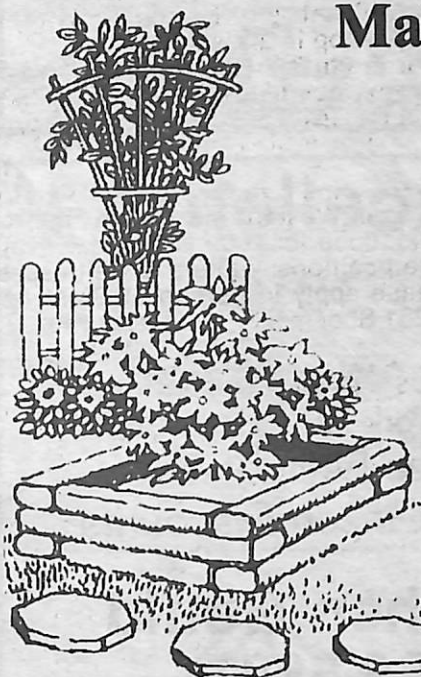
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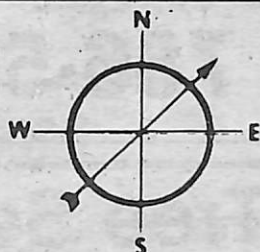
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## WANTED

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**COUNTRY CLUB:** Come join the team of one of the premier clubs in Western Mass! We are now accepting applications for 2000 season. For full-time & part-time positions: waiters & waitresses, bartenders. Please apply in person at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

**TEACHERS WANTED:** Infant/Toddler Teacher and Preschool Teacher for Feeding Hills child care center. Must be OCCS qualified and have experience in child care field. Call Julie or Sheila at The Kids' Place, 786-7980. EOE.

**HELP WANTED:** Part-time General Office Assistant. Busy consulting office needs sharp individual with good computer skills, including Word and Excel for Windows 98, for computer work, filing, and other office duties. Hours and days flexible, 2-4 days per week, 4 hours a day. Hourly wage \$8 - 10 per hour depending on background and experience. Apply in writing, giving background and experience to: Campbell Management, 12 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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**HELP WANTED:** Part-time cashier, afternoons & evenings. Apply at Getty, 824 Suffield Street, Agawam.

## LOST

**LOST:** On Sunday afternoon, April 30th, a Nintendo Gameboy Color was left in the Granger School playground. It is greatly missed by our 5 yr. old grandson. Any information, please call 786-5314. Reward.

**MEALS ON WHEELS — TOWN OF AGAWAM:** Part-time driver to deliver meals to seniors, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Must be dependable, able to climb stairs, and carry food-warming containers weighing approximately 40 pounds. Must have own vehicle and possess a valid Massachusetts driver's license. Salary is \$7.55 per hour plus 30¢ per mile. Review of applications will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled. Please apply to: Personnel Office, Town of Agawam, 36 Main Street, Agawam. The Town of Agawam is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.

## PERSONAL

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, here you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

Grateful Thanks - SMR

## TAG SALE

**ESTATE SALE:** Saturday, May 20th, 9-3 p.m. 975 Main Street, Agawam. Furniture, housewares, linens, etc. Selling house — everything must go.

### THANK YOU ST. JUDE

For prayers answered and publication promised.

J.B.S.

**GIGANTIC ANNUAL TAG SALE:** May 12th & 13th, 9-4; furniture, glassware, dishes, household items, toys, bric-a-brac, appliances. 965 Plumtree Road, Springfield. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Rescue Mission. Annual Plant Sale to benefit Pioneer Valley Christian School held May 13th at same location.



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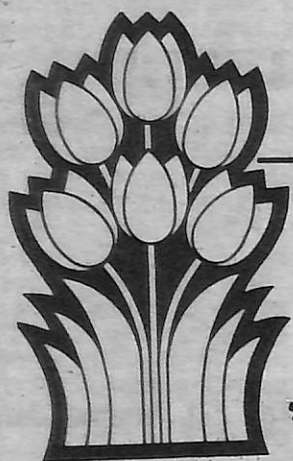
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*\* Hanging Plants*

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— Entry Form —

**Mother's Day Drawing  
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4 P.M. Drawing On May 14th

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